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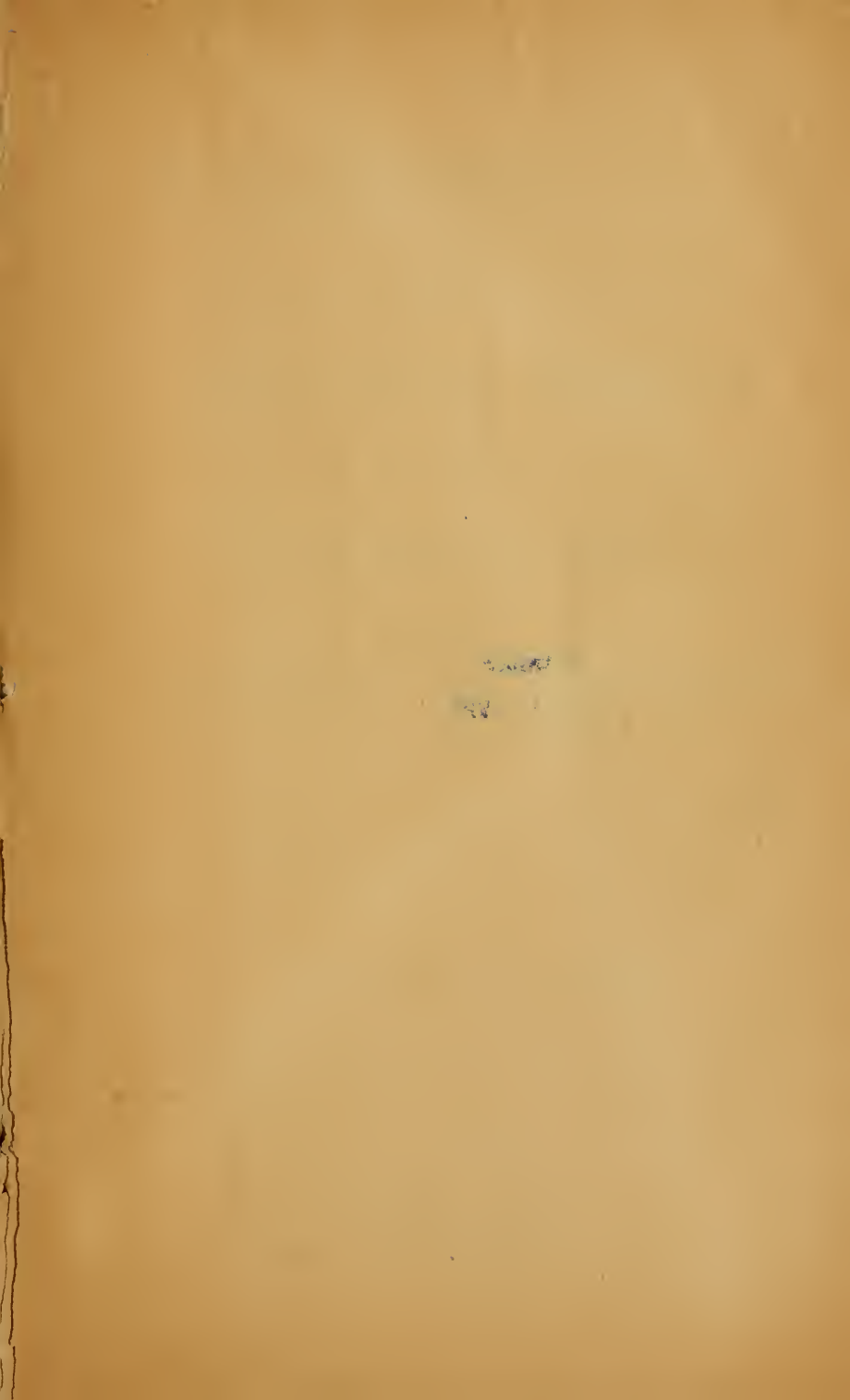
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- CORPS 15, Holton—Not represented.
- CORPS 16, Anthony—Not represented.
- CORPS 17, Pleasanton—Not represented.
- CORPS 18, Scranton—Not represented.
- CORPS 19, Eskridge—Mrs. C. Burgett, Delegate.
- CORPS 20, Minneapolis—Mary E. Penguite, Alternate.
- CORPS 21, Augusta—Maggie Leppleman, Alternate; Cynthia Rudy, Past President.
- CORPS 22, Kansas City—Not represented.
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- CORPS 24, Louisburg—Not represented.
- CORPS 25, Nickerson—Mrs. A. A. Michaelis, President; Ella Byers, Delegate; Anna Bryant, Past President.
- CORPS 26, Colby—Not represented.
- CORPS 27, Miltonvale—Not represented.
- CORPS 28, Spring Hill—L. M. Bailey, Delegate.
- CORPS 29, Stockton—Not represented.
- CORPS 30, Gridley—Not represented.
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- CORPS 37, Burlingame—M. E. Newman, Delegate.
- CORPS 38, Alton—Not represented.
- CORPS 39, Dwight—Nannie L. Day, Delegate.

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- CORPS 44, Sabetha—Not represented.
- CORPS 45, Longton—Not represented.
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- CORPS 49, Delphos—Emma L. Waterman, Delegate.
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- CORPS 51, Salina—H. J. Hilton, Past President.
- CORPS 52, Beloit—Mattie Clark, President.
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- CORPS 66, Sylvia—Not represented.
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- CORPS 68, Ottumwa—Not represented.
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- CORPS 79, Clyde—Kate Billings, Delegate.
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- CORPS 81, Medicine Lodge—Not represented.
- CORPS 82, Macksville—Not represented.
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- CORPS 85, Turon—Not represented.
- CORPS 86, Ionia—Not represented.
- CORPS 87, Glasco—Georgia Thompson, Alternate.
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- CORPS 98, Pittsburg—Emma Hinman, President; Mary Holmes, Emma Wright, Delegates; Emma Jones, Alternate.
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- CORPS 101, Linn—Not represented.
- CORPS 102, Baldwin—M. E. Feehler, Delegate; Jennie Humbert, Past President.
- CORPS 103, Marion—Ruhama Harter, Past President.
- CORPS 104, Atchison—Not represented.
- CORPS 105—Iuka—Not represented.
- CORPS 106, Silver Lake—Kate Vanarsdol, Delegate.
- CORPS 107, Gardner—Not represented.
- CORPS 108, Robinson—Not represented.
- CORPS 109, Codell—Not represented.
- CORPS 110, McPherson—Maria Jones, President; Lizzie A. Fouts, Delegate; Catherine Eastlick, Alternate; Mary Simpson, Amanda Wright, Past Presidents.
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- CORPS 114, Louisville—Not represented.
- CORPS 115, Valley Center—Charlotte Thompson, Delegate; L. B. Johnston, Cora Jacobs, Past Presidents.
- CORPS 116, Kensington—Not represented.
- CORPS 117, Independence—Margaret Overfield, Amanda Scott, Delegates.

- CORPS 118, Colony—Not represented.
- CORPS 119, Lincoln—Mary Rathbone, President; A. J. DeArmond, Alternate.
- CORPS 120, Girard—Not represented.
- CORPS 121, Scottsville—Not represented.
- CORPS 122, Mound City—Not represented.
- CORPS 123, Cedarville—Not represented.
- CORPS 124, Bunker Hill—Rhoda Fisher, Delegate.
- CORPS 125, Solomon City—Amelia Grogger, President.
- CORPS 126, Russell—Not represented.
- CORPS 127, Frederick—Not represented.
- CORPS 128, Greenleaf—Not represented.
- CORPS 129, Gaylord—Not represented.
- CORPS 130, Mankato—Catherine Robinson, Delegate.
- CORPS 131, Caldwell—Mattie B. Nyce, President.
- CORPS 132, Industry—Not represented.
- CORPS 133, Eureka—Ella Holton, Delegate.
- CORPS 134, Englewood—Not represented.
- CORPS 135, Courtland—Anna E. Bradley, President.
- CORPS 136, Portis—Not represented.
- CORPS 137, Mt. Hope—Nettie L. Tedman, Delegate.
- CORPS 138, Oak Valley—Not represented.
- CORPS 139, Cherokee—Not represented.
- CORPS 140, Wa Keeney—Not represented.
- CORPS 141, Belle Plaine—Ellen N. Jeffries, Delegate.
- CORPS 142, Irving—Not represented.
- CORPS 143, Jamestown—Lovina Wilcox, Delegate.
- CORPS 144, Colwich—Mattie L. Lahr, Delegate.
- CORPS 145, Iola—Amanda L. Thrasher, Past President.
- CORPS 146, Lyndon—Lizzie Keeman, Delegate; Millie Weber, Past President.
- CORPS 147, Elk Falls—Alma Clough, Delegate.
- CORPS 148, Atchison—Jennie Mellenger, Delegate; Fannie E. Sanborn, Mary C. Cole, Past Presidents.
- CORPS 149, Norton—Maggie Thompson, Delegate.
- CORPS 150, Melvern—Not represented.
- CORPS 151, Wilson—Not represented.

- CORPS 152, Elk City—Not represented.
CORPS 153, Lone Elm—Not represented.
CORPS 154, Genda Springs—Not represented.
CORPS 155, Vilas—Not represented.
CORPS 156, Harper—Not represented.
CORPS 157, Burrton—Mrs. Kohnle, Past President.
CORPS 158, Americus—Louise S. Mitchell, Delegate.
CORPS 159, Kirwin—Not represented.
CORPS 160, Cedarvale—Sarah Prill, Delegate.
CORPS 161, Goodland—Sarah J. Penny, Past President.
CORPS 162, Almena—Not represented.
CORPS 163, Wallace—Not represented.
CORPS 164, Liberal—Not represented.
CORPS 165, Wathena—Not represented.
CORPS 166, Webster—Not represented.
CORPS 167, Gove City - Not represented.
CORPS 168, Conway Springs—Flora Carter, Alternate.
CORPS 169, Ada—Not represented.
CORPS 170, Fort Scott—Minnie Banks, Delegate.
CORPS 171, Coffeyville--Josephine Jackson, President; Susanna Thompson, Delegate.
CORPS 172, Blue Rapids—Not represented.
CORPS 173, Udall—Not represented.
CORPS 174, Burr Oak—Maggie R. Wood, President.
CORPS 175, Atwood—Not represented.
CORPS 176, Yates Center—Not represented.
CORPS 177, Argentine—Nellie March, Linnie Trail, Delegates.
CORPS 178, White Water—Charity Horner, President; Sarah Bower, Alternate.
CORPS 179, Dodge City—Mary Pope, Senior Vice President; Elizabeth Markley, Delegate.
CORPS 180, Leoti—Not represented.
CORPS 181, Leeds—Not represented.
CORPS 182, Barnes—Not represented.
CORPS 183, Oberlin—Mary Allen, President; Jennie Dean, Delegate.
CORPS 184, Chetopa - Not represented.

- CORPS 185, Moline—S. J. Sawyer, Delegate.
CORPS 186, Lucas—Not represented.
CORPS 187, Jewell City—Not represented.
CORPS 188, Leonardsville—Not represented.
CORPS 189, Sedan—Not represented.
CORPS 190, Troy—Chloe M. Leland, President; Helen Edwards, Delegate; Laura V. Reeder, Past President.
CORPS 191, Emporia—Maggie Wood, President; Mattie Bear, Delegate; Cordelia Perry, Past President.
CORPS 192, Chautauqua—Not represented.
CORPS 193, Hoxie—Not represented.
CORPS 194, Wilder—Not represented.
CORPS 195, Perth—Annie Jacobs, Delegate.
CORPS 196, McCune—Not represented.
CORPS 197, Beverly—Not represented.
CORPS 198, Buffalo—Alice Marshman, President; Jane Gardiner, Delegate.
CORPS 199, St. John—Not represented.
CORPS 200, Leavenworth—Hattie E. Comstock, Delegate.
CORPS 201, Towanda—Mary F. Milligan, Delegate.
CORPS 202, Mound Valley—Not represented.
CORPS 203, Dunlap—Not represented.
CORPS 204, Benton—Not represented.
CORPS 205, Goffs—Not represented.
CORPS 206, Marysville—Not represented.
CORPS 207, Morantown—Not represented.
CORPS 208, Wellington—Lottie J. Cheever, President; Minnie Jones, Delegate.
CORPS 209, Mulvane—Louie Price, Delegate.
CORPS 210, Marvin—Estella N. Edgecomb, President.
CORPS 211, Santa Fe—Not represented.
CORPS 212, Kingman—Amanda Faught, Delegate; E. D. Laning, Past President.
CORPS 213, Herington—Gertrude Foss, President; Gertrude Collins, Delegate; Jane A. Beam, Lucinda B. Moser, Past Presidents.
CORPS 214, St. Francis—Not represented.

CORPS 215, Dighton—Not represented.

CORPS 216, Hodgeman—Not represented.

CORPS 217, Chico—Mary S. Miller, President; Mary Thomas, Alternate.

CORPS 218, Long Island—Not represented.

CORPS 219, Marquette—Emma Engburg, Delegate; H. M. McCormick, Past President.

CORPS 220, Pratt—Not represented.

CORPS 221, Phillipsburg—Not represented.

CORPS 222, Haven—Not represented.

CORPS 223, McCracken—Not represented.

CORPS 224, McLouth—Not represented.

CORPS 225, Strong City—Not represented.

CORPS 226, Milford—Not represented.

CORPS 227, Bluff City—Not represented.

CORPS 228, Wakefield—Sophie Fairman, Delegate.

CORPS 229, Agra—Not represented.

CORPS 230, Derby—Lulu Kirby, President; Lucinda Kirby, Delegate.

CORPS 231, Glen Elder—Not represented.

CORPS 232, Ulysses—Not represented.

CORPS 233, Hamilton—Not represented.

CORPS 234, Bonner Springs—Lillian Ellmaker, Delegate; E. A. Drone, Past President.

CORPS 235, Neal—Maggie English, Delegate.

CORPS 236, Hope—Not represented.

CORPS 237, Sterling—Nellie Miller, Alternate.

CORPS 238, Seneca—Lizzie Bullard, Delegate.

CORPS 239, Tescott—Ellen E. Woods, Delegate.

CORPS 240, Garden City—O. J. Cowhick, Delegate.

CORPS 241, La Crosse—Retta Hargrave, Delegate; Lora Brown, Past President.

CORPS 242, Toronto—E. J. Terry, Alternate.

CORPS 243, Syracuse—Not represented.

CORPS 244, Weir City—Maggie Garritson, Delegate.

CORPS 245, Cairo—Not represented.

CORPS 246, Burdett—Not represented.

CORPS 247, Greensburg—Not represented.

CORPS 248, Lebanon—Not represented.

CORPS 249, Lecompton—Sarah F. Harris, President; Flora E. Stauffer, Delegate.

CORPS 250, Bucklin—Not represented.

CORPS 251, Greeley—Not represented.

CORPS 252, Cimarron—Not represented.

CORPS 253, Riley--Pauline Tobias, Delegate.

CORPS 254, Ellis—Not represented.

CORPS 255, Plainville—Not represented.

CORPS 256, Lenora—Not represented.

CORPS 257, Aurora—Not represented.

*CORPS 7, Eldorado—Mollie Avery, President; Susie Boyden, Delegate; Hattie E. Riley, Catherine Wells, Past Presidents.

*Accidentally omitted from its regular order.

Convention Proceedings.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, met in regular session in the Methodist Episcopal church in the city of Newton, Tuesday, February 20th, 1894, at 9:45 a. m., and was called to order by the Department President, Mrs. Lucy Reed Jones.

All united in singing the Opening Ode, led by Mrs. Belle C. Harris. Prayer was offered by the Department Chaplain, Mrs. E. E. Ramney.

The Department President then announced the following officers for the Convention:

Conductors:

Mrs. Alice M. Seeds Abilene.
Mrs. Nellie Volk Topeka.
Mrs. Mary Allen Oberlin.
Miss Mae Brown Junction City.

Guards:

Kate Billings Clyde.
Kate Smith Beloit.
Jessie Herman Chetopa.
S. A. Carter Columbus.

Pianist:

Lulu D. Jones Norton.

Committee on Credentials:

Lulu D. Jones Norton.
Emma Hoagland Hutchinson.
Mrs. Maggie Thompson Norton.

Assistant Secretary and Press Reporter:

Emma B. Alrich Cawker City.

The Conductors reported all present in possession of the proper pass word. The Department President then declared the

Convention formally open for the transaction of such business as might properly come before it.

The following committees were then announced:

Committee on Resolutions:

Belle C. Harris.....Emporia.
Jennie E. Besack.....Washington.
Mary C. Stewart.....Newton.
Anna M. Swan.....Dodge City.
Hattie S. Coulter.....Topeka.

Committee on Telegrams and Courtesies:

Julia McCarthy.....Larned.
May Lapham.....Herington.
Mary Brightman.....Nickerson.

The Department Officers were then invited to the platform and introduced to the Convention.

The committee on credentials reported as follows:

From the election returns received we find there are 964 delegates in this Department entitled to vote in this Tenth Annual Convention. At the present time there are 142 present who have presented credential cards and received Delegates' Badges.

LULU D. JONES,
EMMA HOAGLAND,
MAGGIE THOMPSON,

Committee.

A number of Comrades were in waiting and invited to take seats with the delegates to hear the reports read.

Mrs. Flora C. Hedges, of Corps 71, made a welcome address as follows:

"It is with pleasure we welcome you, because it is a pleasure to look into your happy faces. This Convention is now entering its eleventh year, being the ninth year for Corps 71, in Newton, and in looking back pleasant memories arise. As you devise future plans, during your three days deliberations, may you have prudence and wisdom; sacrificing personal wishes for the good of the order. I extend to you the greetings of Corps No. 71, and a hearty welcome to our hearts, our homes, and our firesides.

Welcome, thrice welcome, to the beautiful city of Newton."

The Department President responded as follows:

Mrs. Hedges, and Members of Judson Kilpatrick Relief Corps No. 71:

In behalf of the Tenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps Department of Kansas, I thank you for your cordial welcome. In every pleasant word, in every warm hand clasp we have received since coming among you, we have *felt* the welcome which you now express to us in words. We hope to derive some benefit from the interchange of thoughts, the discussion of plans and methods; and we trust your wishes for a harmonious transaction of business may be granted. We know we shall carry home with us pleasant memories of our visit among you. Again, on behalf of the Convention I thank you."

The annual address of the Department President, and the reports of the following officers were then read and referred to the committees assigned:

Senior Vice President.

Secretary.

Treasurer.

Chaplain.

Inspector.

Instituting and Installing Officer.

Counselor.

Department Commander Bernard Kelley, accompanied by Comrade A. J. Georgia, came to invite the convention to the opera house at 2 p. m. to take part in the public reception given by the citizens of Newton.

Commander Kelly further said:

"I usually come to see you often, but this year precludes the pleasure, as I have just finished our council meeting and have matters to put in shape before 2 p. m. Your Chaplain speaks of 79 deaths; contrast that with the Grand Army, which has had nearly 300. This year has been one of struggle; so many difficulties to retard growth; crop failures; opening of the Strip; the World's Fair; hostility of those in authority that

menaced the Grand Army. The great government of the United States only saw retrenchment in one way—by robbing soldiers. The past year has been delightful and pleasant to me, and I have given the Woman's Relief Corps every encouragement possible to bestow. I have seen your enlarged usefulness and how your President has worthily represented you at Grand Army meetings; and no organization has more of our respect, love, esteem and affection than the Woman's Relief Corps. I gave permission to put one item in my annual report: that when one Post asked to solicit funds for a Comrade, three-fourths of the amount was given by the Woman's Relief Corps that lifted the clouds and made his closing hours happy. I rejoice in this gathering, and wish you a thousand fold more prosperity than in the past. I am not afraid of the women of this country, as they respect law and order much more than men; and we need you in our government. I have endeavored to give dignity to the Department of the Grand Army the past year, and not allow it to be misrepresented and called dead beats, and bummers, but put it on the top shelf. I shall always be glad to help you, and not retire into silence because I retire from office."

The Department President stated that she was glad to have Commander Kelly put himself on record, as some had doubted his loyalty to the Woman's Relief Corps, to which he replied: "I can love other families, but my own the best; don't be small; be broad and swallow up the rest."

Comrade Georgia, who had just buried his wife, a staunch member of Corps 98, said: "It is a pleasure to stand before you for a moment. When Kate Sherwood came upon the platform in Denver in 1883 to plead for a place for women to work for the soldiers, and others said it would never do, it would disrupt the Grand Army, I said I was not afraid of the women whose earnest determination was to maintain the flag under which we marched."

All the Comrades then retired, and Mrs. Ellis moved, seconded by Mrs. E. Drone, that the Convention adjourn to meet at 4 p. m. Motion carried.

The Department President announced that the Convention

would meet at the church and proceed to the opera house in a body.

Convention adjourned to meet at 4 p. m.

President's Address.

*To the Officers and Members of the Tenth Annual Convention
Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas:*

"Time's sea has cast another wave,
And rolled the past year to its grave,
With all its throbbing hopes and fears
'Tis numbered with departed years."

These Annual Conventions are occasions on which our Department passes in review disclosing its real strength, character and condition, which stand as the fruition of our year's work. Herein is the center of interest to the ones having the good of the order at heart.

That encouragement which inspires a renewal of activity comes from hopes realized and results anticipated. These hopes and anticipations are born of that zeal and self sacrifice in which our Order took root, and developed in form and character. Our Order is based purely upon motives and principles entirely unselfish and impersonal to its own membership, and therefore, as an organization, appeals to the respect and higher impulses of charitable and patriotic citizens.

The visions and dreams of the founders of our Order, have been eclipsed by the luster of actual accomplishments.

"Efforts, like flowers, may wither and decay,
and yet the roots perennial may be."

While the workers may be forgotten, their works do live after them to bless, lift up and ameliorate conditions.

The objects of our Order reaches the highest conceptions of duty and enlists the noblest aspirations of mind and heart.

High above all other names, as loving God best, are the names of those who love their fellow men.

Presenting this highest challenge for God's blessing, and the favor of men, it is not vain to say that our existence, growth and

prosperity are but the natural outgrowth of a life giving principle.

“Ah, how skillful grows the hand
That obeyeth Love’s command!
It is the heart, and not the brain,
That to the highest doth attain.
And he who followeth Love’s behest,
Far excelleth all the rest.”

To-day I come with fraternal greetings, and congratulate you upon the favorable auspices under which we assemble.

It is my happy privilege at this time to present to you the Kansas Department of the Woman’s Relief Corps in splendid condition in all of its branches of work.

It is an aggregation of as loyal, faithful, and intelligent women as ever enlisted under duty’s call in the cause of right.

While with much trepidation and hesitancy I assumed the duties of President of this Department one year ago, my mind and heart would have failed to yield consent had I then seen the drouth and the demoralizing influence of the World’s Fair and exit to the Strip, all of which occurred in the past year.

But the tendency of these influences to distract and disintegrate has been overcome by unfaltering work at Headquarters, and more especially the effective cooperation of our loyal membership in the Corps.

Our banner waves from the ramparts of opposing elements, and proudly bespeaks the high position we continue to occupy as a Department of our noble Order.

In this consummation is found solace and compensation for the time, interest, anxiety, and unceasing labor which have been given.

I trust that the work of this Convention may be characterized for its harmony and careful application to the business interests of the Department.

EPITOME OF THE YEAR’S WORK.

During the past year my best efforts have been given to the strengthening of existing Corps by arousing them from indifference, and bringing them into lines of activity, on business principles, both in the conduct of routine work in the Corps, and in

business with Department Headquarters.

We have secured the reinstatement of suspended Corps, and succeeded in organizing a few new ones. This work has been as satisfactory as could be reasonably expected under existing circumstances.

The task of letter writing has been no small item. I have made it a rule to answer every letter received, and write whenever I felt that one could be of avail for good.

I believe that Corps should be made to feel that they sustain close relations to Headquarters, and have claims upon warm, helpful recognition from Department officers.

I have written two thousand and twenty-six letters, nine General Orders, one Circular Letter, one Memorial Order, and one Christmas Order.

I have tried to make my Orders helpful in the way of correcting faulty conduct of business, and suggestions which might secure improvements in certain respects, all of which have been given and received in the most fraternal spirit.

I have sent circular letters, and in very many instances my letters of hand, to Commanders of Posts having no Auxiliary, in attempts to locate Corps at these places. I believe these efforts will find fruition in the organization of many new Corps.

Several old numbers which I found held by dead Corps, have been given to new ones, in the efforts to keep a solid Roster.

CAMP FIRES AND REUNIONS.

Believing it to be to the interest of our Order to have it represented at assemblages of old soldiers and their friends, I availed myself of opportunities to appear in person on such occasions, and present its claims.

I visited and addressed camp fires and reunions at the following places, viz: Newton, Beloit, Topeka, Goodland, Mankato, Abilene, Norton, Hutchinson, Atchison, Manhattan, Parsons, Concordia, Clyde, Phillipsburg and Agra.

My visit to the State Reunion at Hutchinson was a pleasant one. The camp fire on Wednesday evening was under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps, and an exceedingly enjoya-

ble time was had. I was tendered a carriage for myself and staff for the grand parade which took place on Wednesday forenoon, but it was kindly declined as we preferred to walk with Corps members and with the Comrades.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Indianapolis being near the old home of my child and girlhood, and the present home of my only sister, gave additional interest to my visit to the National Convention.

I there visited the scene where my father, with his company, including my young brother, were mustered into the war, and went into camp, preparatory to the long, weary marches and bloody battles which they subsequently engaged in.

The reunion of the 20th Indiana Regiment in which my father and his company enlisted was of special interest. My heart was made tender with kind references to the bravery of my father and brother and their imprisonment in gloomy Libby Prison, where my brother died.

I was made to appreciate a membership in the Woman's Relief Corps, whose object is to keep green the memory of the services they so bravely participated in.

Kansas Representatives were made to feel proud that one of their number presided over the deliberations of that Convention with such signal ability as did our sister Margaret R. Wickens.

The report of our Delegate at Large will interest you with a detailed account of the Convention work.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The reverence in which a grateful nation bows on our Memorial Day becomes more holy each succeeding year.

The sad, sweet ceremonies participated in by a nation on this day, teaches the lesson of love, patriotism, and ascendancy of right.

In answer to an invitation received from the Corps at Goodland, I spent Memorial Day in that city, where it was admirably observed.

There is too much neglect in reporting the observance of this day to our Department Chaplain, who should be able to report such action by every Corps. This item of the Chaplain's

report will be awaited with interest.

CORPS INSPECTIONS.

I had the pleasure of inspecting the Corps at Manhattan, Jewell City and Courtland, where I was most kindly received and treated.

In my visiting over the Department I found that great carelessness has been given to Corps Inspections: too often they are held by parties not competent, and too often treated indifferently by members who are able to make it more thorough.

To make these inspections subserve their intended purposes, they should be conducted by those who will require the Corps to exemplify the entire ritual work.

The examination of books and files should be with a reference to suggesting improvements where needed, as well as to simply ascertain the Corps grade. In other words the Inspector should be an instructor.

I refer this matter to the Convention with a recommendation that a careful consideration be given it in the attempt to devise some means to secure more thorough Corps inspections.

INSTALLATION OF CORPS.

In response to invitations kindly extended to me I had the honor of installing the officers of Corps at the following places: Courtland, Wichita, Hutchinson, Concordia, Clyde, Colby, Norton, Phillipsburg, Topeka, Agra and Almena.

The reception given me by these Corps was very pleasant indeed. I received many invitations to install Corps Officers, which previous engagements forbade my accepting.

I am pleased to note the growing disposition to make these installations public, and jointly with the Posts and other patriotic Orders.

There seems to be an increasing pride to excel in these installations, which is an omen of good.

From every quarter have come favorable comments on the beauty of our installations.

I find too great a disregard of the requirement of our Rules and Regulations as to memorizing ritualistic work. Added interest and beauty would be given Corps work, by a more careful

compliance with this recommendation.

GENERAL RELIEF WORK.

The following taken from the reports of Corps shows a grand result of individual Corps work:

Amount of cash expended by Corps for Relief.	\$2,916.92
Estimated amount given in relief other than money	2,084.53
Amount of cash turned over to Posts.	1,443.85

SPECIAL RELIEF WORK.

Report was made to our Department Council at its first meeting held at Pittsburg, that the family of Comrade Samuel Dale at Burr Oak was in a condition demanding immediate aid.

The Council then directed an inquiry into the matter which resulted in the confirmation of report received, and with the approval of the Council, forty dollars were at once forwarded to the family by the Department Treasurer, and a call made to Corps for further aid through General Order No. 2. This call was generously responded to.

A call for aid by the Post at Stafford, for Comrade Hedrick, late of that city, with endorsement of approval by Commander Bernard Kelly of the Kansas Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, was promptly responded to by remittance from the Department fund of fifty dollars, with approval of the Council, and a call for aid was issued through General Order No. 6, to which a liberal response was made.

With the approval of the Council, the following contributions were made from the relief fund: Thirty Dollars to the Orphan's Home in Atchison, thirty dollars to the Home at Dodge City, and fifteen dollars to the worthy object of establishing a National relief fund.

All which will be duly reported by the Department Treasurer.

SUPPLIES.

The growing demand for supplies, by the Corps, shows a needed equipment for work upon business principles. It has called for warm words of commendation from our National Treasurer to the effect that Kansas is getting to the front.

W. R. C. HOME.

The ample provision so cheerfully made for our Margaret R.

Wickens room in the Woman's Relief Corps Home at Madison, Ohio, is worthy of highest praise. The response by Corps to this enterprise is most gratifying.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

During the past year we have been the favored recipient of continued recognition and knightly treatment at the hands of the Kansas Department of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander Bernard Kelly and Adjutant General A. B. Campbell have shown their heartfelt concern for the good of our Order in no uncertain manner. They are entitled to our sincere thanks and kindest consideration for helpful services.

Whenever and wherever I have met a member of this grandest of all orders instituted by men, I have met a friend with a cheering word and helping hand. And for each one of these friendships formed I shall cherish pleasant memories.

SONS OF VETERANS AND LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The Order of Sons of Veterans possessing as it does the principle of perpetuity, insures the maintenance of the spirit which led the veterans to do battle for a united republic.

True to the memory of their fathers, they will see to it that the purchase of that precious blood and self sacrifice will not be lost.

Their helpful auxiliary, the Ladies' Aid Society, has come to stay; thus doubly assuring the transmission of the memory of the veterans' services to future generations.

W. R. C. PAPERS.

Necessary to the maintenance of a live, active interest in Corps work is a thorough acquaintance with achievements of the Order; and this is to be obtained through the medium of Woman's Relief Corps papers. Our National organ, "The Picket," contains much that will quicken an appreciation of the magnitude and far reaching influence of our work.

Every Corps should take the "National Picket" or the "National Tribune."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Senior and Junior Vice Presidents.

No mistake was made in the selection of Mrs. Edith M.

Wood for Senior Vice President. She has been on the alert to seize every opportunity for making herself useful. Notwithstanding serious sickness has so sorely afflicted her family, I have had in her a ready, helpful support.

Upon our beloved Junior Vice, Miss Allie Myers, the hand of affliction has rested heavily during the past year.

Soon after her return home from Pittsburg, she wrote me expressive of her desire as Junior Vice President to help me in every way possible, and assured me that she held herself in readiness for any demand I might make upon her.

Just before National Convention I received a letter from her to effect that she was compelled to forego the pleasure of attending that Convention.

Many weeks elapsed when I received word that Miss Allie was a victim of dreaded paralysis. The Department was made acquainted with her condition through General Order No. 6. Sympathy and kind wishes for complete restoration to good health go out from every one to Miss Allie Myers.

Department Secretary.

Between the President and her Secretary the most happy and confidential relations have existed, and it has made the work much easier for me, having my daughter with me constantly.

Department Treasurer.

The responsibilities and arduous labor of Department Treasurer received due consideration at the hands of Mrs. Evalyn Bradford, selected to this position. In her unceasing application to duty, business qualifications, watchfulness and integrity, she has measured up to the full requirement of an efficient Department Treasurer. For her painstaking, conscientious performance of duty she is entitled to the highest words of praise.

Struggling under a great sorrow which rests like a pall upon her heart, and home, she will receive our sympathy and prayers that He who notes the fall of a sparrow will provide for her and the little ones left to her care.

The Department Chaplain,

Mrs. E. E. Ranney, has been instant in season and out of

season, in efforts to gather requisite statistics made encumbent upon her as Chaplain.

Staff.

I have had the loyal, helpful support of my Staff, the selection of which proved most happy.

Counselor.

Ida Wilson Moore as my Counselor has ever been ready to give advice when called upon. Owing to the peace and amicable relations within our borders we have been happily free from questions of a complicated character.

As Inspector,

Mrs. Julia Campbell has shown efficiency and a cheerful spirit of work. Mrs. Julia McCarthy, so well known for her good work, has given loyal attention to her duties.

The Executive Board

Has been composed of willing, able workers, each of whom has kept an eye single to the good of the Department.

Never did a Department President have a more loyal, efficient corps of workers than I have had in my associate officers and staff. Words fail to express my love and appreciation for them.

And now comes the severing of relations which have resulted in friendship that shall ever live in the most precious memories. Kindness, courtesy, and loving recognition have been freely given. For all sisters of the Kansas Department of the Woman's Relief Corps, I shall cherish only the most sacred recollections of cooperative work and kind treatment.

For me there will be no stepping down and out, but into line with the thousands enlisted under the banner of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, seeking the consummation of results not yet attained, but devoutly wished for.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. That Decisions of the Tenth Annual Convention be furnished to the incoming President within ten days after adjournment.

II. That Corps be encouraged to meet oftener than once a

month.

III. That the amount remaining in the Samuel Dale Fund be placed in the Relief Fund.

IV. That the money remaining in the fund for the Margaret R. Wickens room, be sent to the National Woman's Relief Corps Home at Madison, Ohio.

V. That the sum of \$37.65 remaining in the Worlds Fair Fund be transferred to the Relief Fund.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

Report of Senior Vice President.

PITTSBURG, KANSAS, Feb. 15th, 1894.

MISS LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary Woman's Relief Corps.

In accordance with my obligation and the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I submit my report of the great amount of work that has been (or has not been) accomplished by me the past year.

After Installation and again after recovering from a short sickness after my election I wrote to our worthy President expressing a willingness to assist in the work of the upbuilding of our beloved Order, or doing whatever work she might see fit to assign me. I did not find the work very burdensome, especially through the beautiful spring and hot summer months. In August I received a hearty invitation from the Post Commander to attend the Annual Inter-State Reunion and assist in the organization of a Corps at Baxter Springs.

There I thought was an opportunity to keep good my word to the Department President, so I accepted the invitation, and Monday morning, September —, found me with family, bedding and provision, headed toward Camp Logan at Baxter Springs.

I thought by going early I would have a better chance to get acquainted with the ladies and perfect the plans for organization. We spent Monday in getting settled, and Tuesday I visited various tents, met several ladies who were quite anxious to see a Corps organized, and that day and the next added sixteen names to the petition for a charter. Then I sent word home, as a number of the members of No. 98 desired to come and assist or see the work done.

The time set for organizing was Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. In the morning of that day 16 members of No. 98 arrived, and at the appointed time met with a number of members

from various Corps in that part of the state and Missouri. The hall was nicely filled; but of all the sixteen who had petitioned for a charter, only seven were in attendance. We visited, waited, I explained R. & R., answered questions and waited, but no others came. When they signed the petition I explained to them about fees and dues, yet of the seven only one had brought the money to pay her initiation fee. After spending two hours and missing (we were afterward told) one of the most eloquent speeches of the week, we adjourned to meet Friday morning at 10 o'clock. When that hour arrived my Secretary and myself were at the hall (the other members of No. 98 being compelled to return home). After a while another lady came, but could not stay long. From 10 till 11:30 o'clock five of the petitioners came, but not more than two at a time, consequently there was no organization perfected.

Saturday morning we departed for home, feeling that not much had been accomplished for the good of our Order. They need a live Corps there very much, and the members of the Post are very desirous for one. The only reason I can see for there not being one is lack of energy or interest on the part of the ladies. I think it was a bad time to organize; there were so many attractions and so much doing that it seemed impossible for them to stay in one place so long; but I think a Corps can be organized which will be very beneficial to the Post and a credit to the Department.

Considering everything it was a very pleasant week, and the new acquaintances made and old ones renewed will always form a bright spot in my memory.

On Sept. 22 started for Chicago to attend the World's Fair. Had a delightful time. Visited the National Headquarters Woman's Relief Corps and met a number of members from various Departments, as well as our beloved Past National President Kate B. Sherwood, with whom I spent a very pleasant half hour.

On October 19th I attended the County Reunion of Labette county at Chetopa. I went there with the expectation of meeting our Department President, but was again disappointed. Howev-

er, spent a very pleasant day.

Nov. 24 I entertained some of the members of No. 98 at my home. Spent a very pleasant evening, one never to be forgotten.

On the 28th of November my mother was taken seriously ill, and since that time I have devoted *all* my time to her comfort until last Saturday she breathed her last, and only yesterday we laid her away.

She was a delegate to this Convention and wished so much to be here; but her request was that if she could not come I should anyhow, so I am here not of my own accord wholly, but because she requested it.

I desire to express to the members of the Ninth Annual Convention my hearty appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in choosing and electing me to the next highest office in the gift of the Department. I also desire to convey my thanks to our Department President and other officers and members for the many kind words and courtesies extended. May the coming year bring more joy and less sorrow to the members as well as officers of this Department than has the past. And may the God of love and truth bless and strengthen each one, and help each to do all in her power for the upbuilding and strengthening of our beloved Order.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

EDITH M. WOOD,

Senior Vice President.

Report of Department Secretary.

MRS. LUCY REED JONES,

President of the Department of Kansas, Woman's Relief Corps.

To you and the members of the Tenth Annual Convention, I have the honor of submitting the following report of the work of this Department during the past year and its condition at the present time.

One year ago when the command of this Department was given you, there was reported a roster of 254 Corps with the exception of No. 138, which surrendered a few days before Convention.

Of this roster of 263 Corps, numbers 30-81-134-54-202-214-232 and 170 were reported suspended, making 245 Corps in good standing at the end of last year.

Numbers 81, 134 and 170 have this year been given to new Corps.

Number 54, Oronoque, has been reinstated, revived, and is now a working Corps.

Numbers 30, 202, 214 and 232 remain suspended, as nothing could be heard from them though repeatedly written to.

There have been nine Corps instituted this year, all but three being given old numbers in the roster. We now have a roster of 257 Corps.

Corps instituted this year are as follows:—Plainville Corps No. 255, Plainville, 12 charter members.

J. B. Milroy Corps No. 256, Lenora, 15 charter members.

Englewood Corps No. 134, Englewood, 13 charter members.

Roanoke Corps No. 138, Oak Valley, 22 charter members.

Jno. R. Eldred Corps No. 81, Medicine Lodge, 10 charter members.

S. R. Deach Corps No. 257, Aurora, 14 charter members.

Gordon Grange Corps No. 187, Jewell City, 16 charter

members.

Baldwin Corps No. 230, Derby, 11 charter members.

Richard Steele Corps No. 170, Fort Scott, 49 charter members.

We realize that in giving reports as in other things in life, the pleasure is not unmixed with regrets. While we are pleased to record the above instituted Corps, we are sorry to say that five Corps have found it necessary to disband and surrender their charters.

The surrendered Corps are as follows:

Bazine No. 187, 15 members.

Atlanta No. 170, 14 members.

Gardner No. 107, 17 members.

Nonchalanta No. 230, 12 members.

Leonardsville No. 188, 7 members.

Leonardsville paid tax on but 7 members and Bazine on but 5, the last quarter of 1892, so it will be seen they were practically dead at the beginning of this administration.

In every case where a Corps has disbanded, transfer cards have been issued to a number of the members who wished to join other Corps. These members of course have not been lost to the Department.

Beside the Corps already mentioned, the following Corps remain suspended at the present time:

No. 223, McCracken—First qr. 1893.

No. 225, Strong City—First qr. 1893.

No. 81, Medicine Lodge—Second qr. 1893.

No. 116, Kensington—Third qr. 1893.

No. 142, Irving—Third qr. 1893.

No. 164, Liberal—Third qr. 1893.

No. 246, Burdett—Third qr. 1893.

As you see, numbers 223 and 225 have not reported this year, and are in reality dead Corps. They are not recorded with the surrendered Corps, however, because we have not succeeded in getting their supplies or even hearing from them.

RECAPITULATION.

Members in good standing Dec. 31, 1892	6,834
Gained by initiation.....	1,253
Gained by transfer.....	123
Gained by reinstatement.....	1,073
Gained by delinquent reports.....	1,846
Total gain.....	4,295
Aggregate.....	11,129
Loss by death.....	79
Loss by honorable discharge.....	235
Loss by transfer.....	304
Loss by suspension.....	3,671
Total loss.....	4,289
Members in good standing Dec. 31, 1893...	6,840

Since the close of the quarter ending Dec. 31, there have been 317 members reinstated by delinquent reports, making the number in good standing at present 7,157.

RELIEF EXPENDED.

Cash expended.....	\$2,916 92
Estimated value.....	2,084 53
Amount turned over to Posts.....	1,443 85
Cash expended by Dep't for relief.....	165 00
Total.....	\$6,610 30

Number of members assisted, 359.

Number of soldiers assisted, 841.

You will readily see that these figures do not reach those of last year, but we feel assured that, considering the financial crisis which has prevailed the past year, and the World's Fair attractions, which took the attention and money of so many thousands of our members, the Corps have done well to have expended so much in relief. During the third quarter, which embraced the months of July, August and September, there was comparatively little done in relief work.

These months, you will remember, recorded the great busi-

ness disasters throughout the country, also the greatest crowds in Chicago. Reports were slower coming in for this quarter than for any other, because of the absence from home of so many Corps officers, and were less complete when they were received.

The fourth quarter shows a marked improvement over the third, a gain of about two hundred members and \$400 cash expended and \$500 estimated value of relief. We are certainly grateful for this and hope the figures will continue to grow.

While I am on the subject of reports I wish to say that the greatest loss to the Department is through suspension, and I think this, in a measure, is the fault of the Corps officers whose duty it is to notify delinquent members of their arrears for dues. I believe if more attention were given this matter of collection of dues by the proper officers, there would not be so many delinquents; who, as such, become indifferent and then discouraged, and finally allow themselves to be suspended. Another thing, is the great misunderstanding all over the Department as to *how* to report suspended and dropped members. The plan of marking line 15 in red ink by the Department Secretary, as adopted at last Convention, is good, and has improved the reports in this respect, but there is room for greater improvement.

We receive letters at Headquarters every quarter, after the marked blanks have been sent out, asking why they were credited with such a number of "reported suspended at last report;" also, on receiving the blanks at Headquarters at the end of the quarter, we find that the figures of the Department Secretary on line 15 have very often not been taken into consideration in their calculations in sending in "number remaining suspended," while with thought and study, and the great assistance it is or should be to have line 15 marked by the Department Secretary, the reports could be made correct in all cases. If all Corps officers could be brought to realize the time and labor there would be saved by a proper study of this part of their work, there would soon be a marked improvement.

To those officers who have been prompt in sending correct reports we express our grateful appreciation.

In addition to the relief work before mentioned, the Corps

have generously donated to the Margaret R. Wickens room in the Woman's Relief Corps Nurses' Home at Madison, a full report of which will be given by Mrs. Belle C. Harris, Chairman of committee. Also, in response to General Orders numbers 2 and 6, generous donations were received for the Samuel Dale family at Burr Oak and Comrade Hedrick of Stafford.

Reports of these donations will be given by the Department Treasurer.

In accordance with the action of the Ninth Annual Convention, that at the next Department Convention badges of honor be given by the Department to the members of each delegation whose reports were received at Headquarters before the 6th of the month following the close of each quarter of the year, and who have not suspended a member during the year, the following twenty-eight Corps are entitled to wear the badge of honor during this convention:

- No. 2, Earlton.
- No. 8, Cawker City.
- No. 9, Lawrence.
- No. 12, Ellsworth.
- No. 14, Liberty.
- No. 60, Burden.
- No. 70, Emporia.
- No. 75, Severance.
- No. 79, Clyde.
- No. 82, Macksville.
- No. 83, Oneida.
- No. 99, Peabody.
- No. 102, Baldwin.
- No. 106, Silver Lake.
- No. 124, Bunker Hill.
- No. 128, Greenleaf.
- No. 143, Jamestown.
- No. 148, Atchison.
- No. 151, Wilson.
- No. 153, Lone Elm.
- No. 157, Burrton.

No. 169, Ada.
No. 185, Moline.
No. 194, Wilder.
No. 217, Chico.
No. 228, Wakefield.
No. 234, Bonner Springs.
No. 253, Riley.

The following ten Corps have reported the greatest gain in membership the past year by initiation:

Judson Kilpatrick Corps, No. 71, 24 membees.
Capt. Kingscott Corps No. 177, 24 members.
Gen'l Russell Corps No. 98, 22 members.
Joe Hooker Corps No. 111, 21 members.
McCaslin Corps No. 4, 15 members.
E. P. Sheldon Corps No. 37, 15 members.
Americus Corps No. 158, 15 members.
Topeka Corps No. 94, 15 members.
Hackleman Corps No. 84, 13 members.
Thomas Doane Corps No. 62, 11 members.

The following ten Corps have reported the greatest gain in membership by reinstatement from suspension.

Garfield Corps No. 40, 34 members.
Franklin Corps No. 3, 29 members.
J. B. McPherson Corps No. 110, 28 members.
Kennedy Corps No. 190, 27 members.
Atwood Corps No. 175, 26 members.
Chas. O'Rhool Corps No. 26, 23 members.
McCaslin Corps No. 4, 19 members.
Jno. A. Martin Corps No. 69, 18 members.
Gen. Hazen Corps No. 119, 14 members.
W. C. Ward Corps No. 178, 14 members.

The following Corps report the greatest amount of cash expended for relief during the year:

Preston B. Plumb Corps No. 70, \$183.45.
Joe Hooker Corps No. 111, \$125.65.
Topeka Corps No. 94, \$99.06.
Wm. H. Lytle Corps No. 11, \$91.10.

J. B. McPherson Corps No. 110, \$71.67.

Arkansas City Corps No. 56, \$66.35.

Peabody Corps No. 99, \$51.31.

Dick Yates Corps No. 133, \$49.65.

Garfield Corps No. 40, \$49.30.

W. H. L. Wallace Corps No. 7, \$48.79.

During the past year there have been mailed from Headquarters, nine Department General Orders, one Memorial Day Order, one Circular Letter, one Christmas Order, one Circular Letter from Committee on Margaret R. Wickens Room, one Circular Letter from Directors of the National Woman's Relief Corps Home Board, twelve National General Orders, 285 Department Rosters, — copies of Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Convention, Circular Letter of "Instructions for Organization of Corps" to Posts having no Auxiliary, one National Password and one Department Password.

The following blanks have also been issued:

Quarterly report blanks.....	2,056
Election return blanks.....	385
Installing officers' blanks.....	125
Credential cards.....	850
Delinquent cards.....	150
Postal receipts.....	1,000

In compliance with a decision of the Ninth Annual Convention to the effect that specimen sheets of book keeping be mailed to every Corps in the Department by the Department Secretary, such sheets were accordingly mailed to each Corps in the Department with the quarterly report blanks of the second quarter.

Duplicate charters have been issued to the following Corps, in each instance the Corps having been so unfortunate as to lose its charter by fire:

No. 130, Mankato.

No. 49, Delphos.

No. 90, Chanute.

It was recommended in the report of the last Department Secretary, and endorsed by the Ninth Annual Convention, that the incoming Department Secretary complete a roster of the

charter members of all the old Corps of the Department. This has not been done. It was commenced, but proved to be a Herculean task. In fact we could not find the records.

So I would recommend that an allowance be made to the incoming Department Secretary enabling her to secure some one who can do this work and who will see that it is completed during the next year.

Of my year's work with the other Department officers, I am glad to say that we have worked entirely harmoniously. Of course my relations with the Department President have been pleasant; remembering our double relationship of the past year you would not expect otherwise. We have worked together for the advancement of the Department.

With the Department Treasurer have been formed ties that I trust will not be severed when we sunder our official relations. Such willingness as she has always manifested to do her own part of the Department work cannot fail to be appreciated and remembered. It has certainly been a pleasure to have such a co-worker.

And now, in closing my year's work, I wish to say that it has been one to which I shall always look back with pleasure. It was as an entire stranger to the Department that I assumed the duties of my office one year ago, and, while I have not been able to go over the state and become acquainted personally with the workers, still, so pleasant have been the relations existing between us, and so many names have become familiar through our extensive correspondence, that I do not feel as a stranger as I stand before you to-day and report to you my year's work for you.

I have looked forward to this time as a happy meeting time, and the memory of it, together with my year's work, will go with me through life.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

MADAM:—In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit my financial statement from Feb. 24, 1893, to Feb. 20, 1894.

Evalyn Bradford, Department Treasurer, in account with the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas.

RECEIPTS.

GENERAL FUND.

Bal. to new account Feb. 20, 1893...	\$	356	38
Rec'd from sale of supplies and postage		999	77
“ “ per capita tax		2,295	89
“ “ charter fees		45	00
“ “ sale of sunflower badges..		31	25
“ “ Reflector Publishing Co..		17	00
“ “ Alice M. Seeds		2	15
“ “ Corps No. 48 for Oberlin College		5	00
Total			\$3,752 44

Total receipts..... \$3,752 44

Total expenses..... 2,889 75 $\frac{3}{4}$

Bal. on hand gen'l fund \$ 862 68 $\frac{1}{4}$

EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL FUND.

To National Treasurer for supplies...	\$742	48
“ “ “ “ per capita tax	578	94
Mrs. Lucy Reed Jones, Department		

President, office expenses.....	\$ 87 99
Lucy Reed Jones, National Convention expenses.....	67 00
Lulu D. Jones, Department Secretary, office expense.....	87 05
Lulu D. Jones, Department Secretary, salary.....	275 00
Evalyn Bradford, office expense.....	100 75
“ “ salary.....	275 00
“ “ express on supplies from Detroit.....	13 65
Auditing expense at Concordia.....	11 40
“ “ “ Manhattan.....	33 99
Reflector Pub. Co., duplicate draft....	17 00
“ “ “ Printing and mail- ing Journals.....	223 40
A. L. Drummond, printing and stationery	54 50
Norton Champion, “ “	57 50
Norton Courier, “ “	38 55
Ida W. Moore, office expense and Counselor.....	9 69
Alice M. Seeds, office expense and Coun- selor.....	1 65
Alice M. Seeds, mailing Journals.....	30 00
Frances H. Lund, office expense.....	2 35
Fannie Potts “ “	50
M. R. Wickens, National World's Fair exhibit.....	25 00
Jennie Besack, office expense.....	35
Edith M. Wood, “ “	7 58
Emma B. Alrich, “ “	1 87
Julia McCarthy, “ “	60
Julia Campbell, “ “	10 32
E. E. Ranney, “ “	2 60
Belle Reid, Ex. Instituting Corps.....	1 55
Abigail Snow, “ “	55
J. E. Watrous, Chaplain's Ens. and	

circulars.....	3 00
A. B. Campbell, printing Rosters.....	31 35
Corps 48, money for Oberlin College returned.....	5 00
Martha Dening, money for Memorial badges returned.....	2 40
Mamie Obert, money for Rituals ret. . .	2 07
Treas. No. 154, " " " "	2 50
Torsch and Lee, badges for Nat'l Con.	12 26
Relief fund ($\frac{1}{4}$ ct. per member).....	72 36 $\frac{3}{4}$
Total.....	\$2,889 75 $\frac{3}{4}$

RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to new account Feb. 20, 1893,	\$325 55
Rec'd from gen'l fund ($\frac{1}{4}$ ct. per member)	72 36 $\frac{3}{4}$
Remittance from surrendered Corps...	9 15
Total.....	\$407 06 $\frac{3}{4}$

EXPENDITURES.

Maggie R. Wood, relief of Samuel Dale family	40 00
G. W. Bousman, relief Comrade Hedrick	50 00
C. E. Faulkner, " Orphan's Home..	30 00
C. Moore, donation Soldiers' Home.....	30 00
A. A. Cheney, National Relief Fund, ...	15 00
Total.....	\$165 00

Total receipts,	\$407 06 $\frac{3}{4}$
Total expenses	165 00

Bal. on hand in relief fund \$242 06 $\frac{3}{4}$

WORLD'S FAIR FUND.

Balance to new account Feb. 20, 1893,	\$169 55
Total amount received from Corps....	77 40
Total.....	\$246 95

EXPENDITURES.

Lucy Reed Jones, expense to Topeka..	\$ 2 40
Ida W. Moore, " "	16 80
Geo. W. Stone, work on design.....	150 00
Kellam Book Co., packing design.....	2 70
Ida W. Moore, expense(flags)to Chicago	37 40
Total.....	<u>\$209 30</u>
Bal. on hand in World's Fair Fund	\$ 37 65

RECEIPTS.

DALE FAMILY FUND.

Total receipts from Corps in response to call of Department President	\$192 50
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Maggie R. Wood, Burr Oak.....	\$ 50 00
" " " "	50 00
" " " "	10 00
Total.....	<u>\$110 00</u>
Bal. on hand in Dale Family Fund	\$82 50

RECEIPTS.

MARGARET R. WICKENS ROOM IN NATIONAL HOME.

Receipts in response to call of Depart- ment President.....	\$ 31 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. Belle C. Harris.....	\$ 24 50
Mrs. A. A. Cheney.....	6 50
Total.....	<u>\$ 31 00</u>

RECEIPTS.

NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME FUND.

Total receipts from Corps.....	\$ 46 50
Paid to A. A. Cheney.....	26 50
Bal. on hand.....	<u>\$ 20 00</u>

RECEIPTS.

MARGARET R. WICKENS TESTIMONIAL FUND.

Total receipts from Corps.....	\$ 29 00
Paid to Ida W. Moore.....	28 45
Bal. on hand.....	\$ 55

RECAPITULATION.

Cash balance in General Fund.....	\$ 862 68 $\frac{1}{4}$
“ “ Relief Fund.....	242 06 $\frac{3}{4}$
“ “ World's Fair Fund..	37 65
“ “ Dale Family Fund...	82 50
“ “ W. R. C. Home Fund	20 00
“ “ Testimonial Fund....	55
Total cash on hand.	\$1,245 45

In taking up the duties of Department Treasurer, one year ago, I fully realized there was a new hand at the helm, and that there was much to learn in the routine work of the office. The admirable system inaugurated by my predecessor, Mrs. Frances H. Lund, has been continued the past year, and to her I am sincerely grateful for assistance and advice so kindly given.

I found the supplies quite low, and unfortunately the National Treasurer was away from home, so it made it until the 4th of April before my supplies reached me. Those who have had experience in Department work have some idea of what it would be to have the work accumulate for six weeks, but I have used my very best efforts to give entire satisfaction in the performance of the various duties of the office, and feel that the burden of work has been lightened by the many kind letters I have received from the sisters of our noble Order.

While there has been a marked improvement in the Treasurers' reports sent in there is still much room for more, and I must urge that more careful attention be given by Corps Treasurers in making out their reports.

I would recommend that the balance remaining in the World's Fair fund and the balance of a few cents in the M. R. Wickens Testimonial fund be placed in the Department Relief

fund.

Aside from my regular office work I instituted Aurora Corps No. 257 on June 24, and during July, assisted by the Department Aide, Mrs. Anna Chapman, instituted No. 187 at Jewell, and am pleased to say they are in a flourishing condition. I inspected No. 52 at Beloit and found them a band of very earnest workers. I also inspected No. 79 of Clyde, my old home, of which I was a charter member. It was my pleasure to entertain the Junior Vice President of the Department of Oregon during the summer. She seemed very much interested in the work of our Department. I also entertained our Past Department President, Mrs. Moore, the Department Auditing Board in July, and our loved Department President on several occasions.

Many pleasant memories cluster around these associations which will last as long as memory endures.

In response to the money disbursed from the Department Relief Fund, Mr. Faulkner, Superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphan's Home, says: "In behalf of the children, and those who are associated with me in the management of the Home, I return sincerest thanks for this kind remembrance. The money will be applied to the purchase of books for the Memorial library, named in honor of that brave soldier and good citizen, John A. Martin." Mr. Moore of Dodge City says: "We called a meeting of the soldiers of the Home, and 'twas decided by vote to purchase the necessary medicine for the inmates." Comrade Bousman says in regard to the donation for Comrade Hedrick, "Your generous contribution falls to the bereaved widow and orphans as does the gentle dews of heaven fall on the parched surface of the earth. God bless the noble order of the Woman's Relief Corps."

To our Department President and Secretary I am under many obligations for your wise and loving counsel and the implicit confidence and trust which you have placed in me, and I hope the bond of friendship may be so firmly cemented that coming years can not sever it.

In conclusion, sisters, I had looked forward to this meeting all year with bright anticipations of pleasure, but when all the

world rejoiced in the merry Christmas times, and Happy New Year, the Death Angel entered our home and in one short instant took a kind and loving husband and good father and left our home and hearts so sad and desolate, but I realize that as I stand alone and look wistfully into the great beyond that it will be but a few short years until we will meet where parting is no more.

The strongest tie given to mortals has been severed and the dear soldier husband has answered the last roll call and been mustered in on that other shore. So they are going, for "Leaf by leaf the roses fall, drop by drop the stream runs dry," one by one their names are taken from the roll and it will be but a few short years until its history will be all that is left of that great war. Only those who knew my husband best can realize how great is our loss.

Words fail to express my gratitude for the many kind words of love and sympathy that have come from all over the Department in this, the darkest hour of my life. May heaven's choicest blessings rest on each and every one.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

EVALYN BRADFORD.

Treasurer's Supplemental Report.

GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand Feb. 10, 1894.. . . .	\$862 68 $\frac{1}{4}$
Received from sale of supplies from	
Feb. 10 to 22 inclusive.....	27 39
Received from Lulu D. Jones, per capita tax.....	24 02
Total.....	\$914 09 $\frac{1}{4}$

EXPENDITURES.

To Convention expense as per bills. . . .	\$185 60
" A. A. Cheney, supplies.....	47 92
" Lucy Reed Jones, office expense for	

January	10 06	
“ Evalyn Bradford, office expense for January	13 78	
“ Lulu D. Jones, office expense for January	6 60	
“ Norton Champion, printing	1 50	
“ Norton Courier, printing	5 00	
“ Emma B. Alrich, salary as assistant secretary	15 00	
“ Lucy R. Jones, express on World's Fair design	1 45	
“ Lucy Jones	6 10	
“ Evalyn Bradford, salary and office expense for February	30 77	
“ Lulu D. Jones, salary and office ex- pense for February	29 10	
“ Lucy R. Jones, office expense Feb..	7 96	
Total		\$360 84
Bal. on hand, General fund		\$553 25 $\frac{1}{4}$

RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand Feb. 10, 1894	\$242 06 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Received from World's Fair fund or- dered by Tenth Convention	\$ 37 65	
Received from Dale Family fund, or- dered by Tenth Convention	82 50	
Received from M. R. Wickens Testimo- nial fund	55	
Total		\$362 76 $\frac{3}{4}$

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME FUND.

Balance on hand Feb. 10, 1894

EXPENDITURES.

To A. A. Cheney

M. R. WICKENS ROOM FUND.

Received from Belle C. Harris

RECAPITULATION.

Cash balance in	General Fund.....	\$553	25 $\frac{1}{4}$
“	“	Relief Fund.....	362 76 $\frac{3}{4}$
“	“	M. R. Wickens Room	
	fund	8	65
Total cash in all funds			<hr/> \$924 67

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

EVALYN BRADFORD,

Department Treasurer.

Report of Chaplain.

NEWTON, KANSAS, February 20, 1894.

MISS LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary, and Members of the Tenth Annual Convention:

I have the honor to submit to you the report of Memorial services as reported to me by Chaplains of local Corps.

No. of Corps on Department Roster Mar. 30, 1893,	247
“ Corps reporting	208
“ Corps not reporting	39
“ Members of Corps reporting	6,766
“ Members taking part in service	4,892
“ Corps attending in a body	189
“ Children taking part	6,815
“ Soldiers’ graves decorated	4,600
“ Members’ graves decorated	183
“ Corps contributing flowers	202
“ Monuments to Unknown Dead	152
“ Corps serving refreshments	18
Amount of money expended ,	\$451.10

The following is a list of our dear sisters who have crossed the river of death and gone to their reward in the past year:

Corps 167, Gove City—Mrs. Sarah E. Bacon, died May 15, 1893.

Corps 174, Burr Oak—Miss Hattie Mann, July 12, 1893.

Corps 70, Emporia—Mrs. Julia Schlisinger, Aug. 10, 1893.

Corps 96, Frankfort—Sister — Ewett, Aug. 16, 1893.

Corps 28, Spring Hill—Valinda Newton, Sept. 20, 1893.

- Corps 178, Whitewater—Mrs. Mary Eilerts, Sept. 30, 1893.
 " " " Alice Stark, Oct. 31, 1893.
 Corps 20, Minneapolis—Anna M. Stanley, Dec. 6, 1893.
 " " " Carissa Knox, Jan. 3, 1894.
 " " " Anna Klise, Past President, Jan.
 21, 1894.
 Corps 125, Solomon City—Mrs. Abbie Dresser, Dec. 9, 1893.
 Corps 36, Howard—Floretta A. Griswold, Dec. 12, 1893.
 Corps 71, Newton—Mary E. Phillips, May 29, 1893.
 Corps 65, Douglass—Eliza Wells, Feb. 2, 1894.
 Corps 3, Olathe—Elmira Engles, Dec. 4, 1893.
 Corps 148, Atchison—H. O. Hager, Aug. 23, 1893.
 Corps 38, Alton—Mrs. Emeline H. Cunningham, Post Sec-
 retary, Nov. 1, 1893.
 Corps 10, Clay Center—Mrs. Mary Tollis, Oct. 10, 1893.
 Corps 195, Perth—Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs, ——— 1893.
 Corps 90, Chanute—Mrs. Mattie Harmon, ——— 1893.
 " " " Mrs. L. James, Oct. 3, 1893.
 Corps 229, Agra—Millie McArthur, Oct. 10, 1893.
 Corps 208, Wellington—Melinda Dicks, Sept. 15, 1893.
 " " " C. A. Wilson, Dec. 31, 1893.
 Corps 242, Toronto—Ruth Barnard, Nov. 12, 1893.
 Corps 42, Hiawatha—Lucretia Craft, July 30, 1893.
 " " " Virginia Guelich, July 11, 1893.
 Corps 32, Galena—Mrs. Sarah Morgan, Oct. 8, 1893.
 " " " Mrs. Williford, Past President, ——— '93.
 Corps 147, Elk Falls—Margret Harenstein, Dec. 29, 1893.
 Corps 111, Hutchinson—Mrs. Anna Bolton, April 12, 1893.
 " " " Mrs. Mary Richardson, July 5, '93.
 " " " Miss Ollie Stineboor, Sept. —, '93.
 Corps 94, Topeka—Mrs. C. Charlesworth, July 30, 1893.
 " " " Mrs. Geo. Harris, Feb. 4, 1894.
 Corps 241, Lacrosse—Miss Ella I. Semple, Nov. 6, 1893.
 Corps 98, Pittsburg—Mrs. Edith Georgia, Feb. 17, 1894.
 (Mrs. Georgia was the mother of
 our Senior Vice President.)

Reports show increasing interest each year, children taking an active part in many places, which is in keeping with one of the sacred objects of our order. Many beautiful monuments or mounds in honor of those who "sleep on southern battlefield, in prison pen, or 'neath the ocean wave," were prepared and in most places decorated by children or young ladies. In some places children were detailed to scatter floral tributes on soldiers' graves.

Corps 67, Washington, erected a beautiful monument which was unveiled on decoration day by four small children. The address on this occasion was delivered by Mrs. Ida W. Moore, Past Department President. Cost of monument, \$140.

At Iuka, Post erected a brick monument which was decorated and dedicated to unknown dead on Decoration Day. Corps 196, McCune, sent flowers to Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth. Corps 161, Goodland, was honored by the presence of our Department President and her honored husband, Col. Jones, who delivered the memorial addresses at that place. Corps 217, Gypsum City, was favored by a cheering letter from Mother Bykerdyke, whose words always bring cheer whether written or verbal.

Corps 119, Lincoln, presented the Post a beautiful silk flag, the work of their own hands.

Corps 63, Abilene, sent a beautiful report. Services were held in the opera house, which was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers. Music was rendered by Columbian Chorus of thirty-five voices. Two beautifully decorated wagons carrying forty-four small girls formed a part of the procession. Report shows a beautiful program which was fully carried out.

Corps 73, Burlington, was honored by the presence of Department Chaplain G. A. R., Rev. R. H. Sparks, who delivered the address on Decoration Day, which was appropriate and well received. The monument to unknown dead was decorated on the opera house stage by fourteen young ladies. The service was beautiful and impressive.

Corps 146, Lyndon, reported a beautiful and impressive program. Services were held in the opera house. They had for their speaker a young man from the State Normal by the

name of Kirtsinger who is the son of a veteran. The address was pronounced good, to say the least.

Corps 127, Frederick, report Sons of Veterans paid all expenses of Decoration day. These two incidents remind us that this is but the beginning of the end. As the veterans are so rapidly falling out of the ranks in answer to the last roll call, their noble sons will have to step into their places, and we trust will fill the ranks as nobly as did their fathers.

While willing hands and loving hearts were preparing for the beautiful services at home, they were also mindful of those who sleep on southern battle fields. Money sent to Richmond, Va., to assist Posts there in decorating those graves, as reported to me, is as follows:

Corps No. 9, Lawrence,	\$ 3 00
Corps No. 191, Emporia,	2 00
Corps No. 168, Conway Springs,	5 00
Corps No. 61, Larned,	4 00
Corps No. 171, Coffeyville,	2 00
Corps No. 67, Washington,	3 00
Corps No. 75, Severance,	3 00
Corps No. 236, Hope,	3 00
Corps No. 73, Burlington,	1 00
Corps No. 40, Wichita,	5 00
Total,	<hr/> \$31 00

This report I believe however to be inadequate, as it will be seen that but few Corps report money sent, as also the number of soldiers' graves decorated. There were eighty-one Corps made no report of that. This however was not the fault of the Corps Chaplains, but a deficiency in blanks.

There seems to have been a misunderstanding in regard to obtaining Memorial Report blanks, many Presidents writing me that they did not understand that they were expected to purchase these blanks. This caused a great delay in reports. The 16th day of June found in my hands only 72 reports. I immediately issued circular letters with form for report. The result was very satisfactory, as Corps immediately filled out the blanks and re-

turned them to me, and in a short time I had received enough reports to swell the number to 208. I did not, however, have that number to report to National, which fact I very much regret. As Corps are so dilatory in reporting, I would recommend that Corps Presidents see to it that Memorial blanks are on hand in time and that Chaplains send in report immediately after Decoration day, in order to enable Department Chaplain to send a report to National which shall be a credit to our Department.

Dear sisters, as it was the blessed mission of loyal women to stand by the noble defenders of our glorious country through the trying days of 1861 to '65, caring for the sick and wounded, praying for the dying, commending them to the Great Commander above, let us ever remember the sacred object of our noble Order, working unitedly, deeming it a duty and a privilege to stand side by side with the Grand Army of the Republic, to assist them in perpetuating the memory of those who have answered to the last roll call, and in teaching to the rising generation true loyalty to one country and one flag.

In closing my report I wish to thank the Department officers, Corps Presidents and Chaplains, and all, for the many kind words, which have helped to lighten the burdens and endeared them all to me in the bonds of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. And may the dear Father above be with us and make us zealous workers in this glorious cause, and when our work on earth is done may we hear his loving voice saying, "Well done; come up higher."

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

MRS. E. E. RANNEY,

Department Chaplain.

Counselor's Report.

MISS LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

In compliance with Rules and Regulations I submit the following report:

The duties of Department Counselor do not seem to be well understood. At our last Department Convention the Department Counselor called attention to the duties of her office which as laid down in our law are these:

"The Department Counselor shall familiarize herself with the Rules and Regulations of the Order, the official decisions of the Woman's Relief Corps, and be prepared to aid the Department President and Department Council when called upon to do so, and perform such other duties as may be required of her by the Department President."

The experience of the past year has shown me that the duties of Department Counselor are not yet clear to many members of our Order.

Let it be remembered that the Department Counselor can only render *official* opinions when so requested by the Department President.

Many letters have been received during the year asking for information; such have usually been kindly answered, referring the writer to Chapter, Article and Section of Rules and Regulations. In letters requiring official opinions the writer has been referred to the Department President.

One year ago when I laid down the duties of Department President, with its pleasures and cares, I felt that as our Department was in a harmonious and flourishing condition, and as the laws governing our Order are now so clearly laid down and defined, that our Department President would have little need of

help from her Counselor, to safely guide the Department bark in a smooth harbor at the close of her administration.

But little has been required of the Counselor this year, and my position has been one of "honor" rather than "work." I have cheerfully and willingly given assistance whenever called upon to do so by the Department President or Council.

At the request of Corps No. 67 of Washington, it became my pleasant duty to deliver an address on Memorial day at the dedication and unveiling of a monument to the Unknown Dead, erected by this Corps in the cemetery at Washington.

This monument stands as an expression of the patriotic love and admiration of this Corps for the memory of those who made it possible for us to live in a free and united country. It stands also as an object lesson to the youths of that community. And as the first rays of the morning sun play upon the point of that shaft and the last gleam of sunset lingers upon its western front, may it inspire them to imitate the virtue and valor of those whose memory it commemorates; may it lead them to dedicate their lives to the work and responsibilities of true and loyal men and women. And may it inspire them with a true and intelligent understanding of the purposes of the government for which these heroes died.

In October, in response to a cordial invitation from Corps No. 73 of Burlington, I visited them at the time of their G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps fair, and delivered two addresses on the history and purposes of our Order. Burlington is the home of our Department Chaplain, and my observations during the progress of their fair, led me to believe that our Chaplain can work as well as pray. The fair, entitled "The Seven Ages," proved to be a success financially as well as socially.

From Burlington I went across country, twenty-three miles, to Lebo, where on learning of my arrival the Corps, with other friends, arranged for a picnic in my honor. A most enjoyable day was accordingly spent in the woods. In how many of our northern states can we have warm picnic weather on the 23rd of October? Few indeed, except our own "Sunny Kansas."

In November I had the privilege of witnessing the inspec-

tion of Corps No. 43 of Manhattan, by our Department President. In the evening of the same day enjoyed a reception given by the Post, Corps and S. of V., to those Department Officers who had met at this time, with the Auditing Committee.

In January it was my pleasure to perform our beautiful Installation Service for Corps No. 213 of Herington. A joint installation was held with the Post, followed by an excellent program.

I am sincerely grateful for all courtesies extended to me during the year, and for the pleasant words from Department Officers and Corps members. They will ever be pleasant memories that will last till life is ended.

The following are the opinions given during the year:

Question 1.—Can a Corps vote to pay for the badges, to be given to a certain number of applicants, from the General Fund?

Opinion.—No. Rules and Regulations, Chapt. II, Article II, Section I, require that the initiation fee and price of badge must accompany each application for membership.

Question 2.—If after an officer has been absent four or five consecutive meetings, and the President of the Corps does not declare her office vacant, what steps would a Corps be justified in taking to elect an officer for that chair?

Opinion.—Our laws are silent on this point. Some Corps make provision through By-Laws for such cases. Where no such provision is made we follow the laws of the Grand Army as laid down in Beath's Blue Book. Corps offices can be declared vacant in the following manner as described in Beath's Blue Book, Chapter II, Article VII, page 49:

"A Post may, by a two thirds vote, declare vacant the position of any officer who has absented himself for four consecutive stated meetings, provided notice has been duly given the delinquent officer, and notice of the intended action has been given to members of the Post."

Question 3.—Are Corps to use the new Rituals as ordered by Department Convention, or are they to abide by the action taken by the 7th Annual Convention at Hutchinson, viz: "To seal the old rituals in a strong envelope and keep them, using the new ones until further orders were given."

Opinion.—In 1890, by order of the National Convention the

blue paper back Rituals were issued free to Corps for trial for one year. In 1891, these Rituals were adopted by the National Convention, and the Rituals were printed with dark red backs. The National President then issued an order as follows:

"That six new Rituals be furnished each Corps by National, free of cost, in place of the six Ritual cards then in use. The four blue paper back Rituals to be retained and at any time changed at the expense of the Corps, for those with the more durable dark red backs. Also, that each Inspector, at time of inspection, be commanded to burn all Rituals and Ritual cards not in use, and make report of the same on regular Inspection blank."

If these orders were obeyed there should now be in the possession of any Corps no more than the four blue paper back Rituals and six red back Rituals, or the ten red back Rituals.

Question 4.—Can We draw from the Department Relief Fund to give aid to the afflicted family of Samuel Dale, a soldier, of Burr Oak, as voted by last Council?

Opinion.—Yes. The Department Relief Fund is to be used to relieve the wants of such Union veterans and their dependent ones, as in the discretion of the Department President and Council, or Department Convention may be deemed advisable.

Question 5.—Have members of Executive Board a vote in National Convention by virtue of office?

Opinion.—No. See Chapter V, Article II, of Rules and Regulations.

Question 6.—In the absence of the Delegate at Large and Alternate at Large who shall make the report of National Convention?

Opinion.—The Department President shall notify the regularly elected Delegates, and regularly elected Alternates, who in the absence of Delegates are filling vacancies thus made, to hold a meeting and from their number select or elect one to make said report.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

IDA WILSON MOORE,

Department Counselor.

Inspector's Report.

MISS LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

I have the honor to submit my report to you, and through you to the Department President and Tenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps as Inspector for the year ending Dec. 31, 1893:

No. of Corps sending in reports,	215
No. of Corps not reporting,	42
No. of regular meetings,	4,637
No. of members in good standing,	6,905
Average attendance of officers per Corps,	7
Average attendance of members including officers,	14
Rituals are complete in	207
Reports and dues have been forwarded to Headquarters by	212
No. of Corps charging \$1.50 Initiation fee,	2
“ “ “ 1.40 “ “	1
“ “ “ 1.10 “ “	5
“ “ “ 1.00 “ “	205
“ “ “ .75 “ “	1
“ “ “ .50 “ “	1
No. of Corps charging \$3.00 dues per annum,	1
“ “ “ 1.40 “ “	1
“ “ “ 1.20 “ “	1
“ “ “ 1.00 “ “	167
“ “ “ .80 “ “	3
“ “ “ .65 “ “	2
“ “ “ .60 “ “	23
“ “ “ .50 “ “	6

No. of Corps charging \$.40 dues per annum,	5
“ “ “ 32 “ “	2
“ “ “ 25 “ “	1
No. of Corps not charging any dues, . . .	3
Amount of money in Relief fund, .	\$2,783.11
No. of Corps reporting no Relief fund,	17
Amount of Relief extended, . . .	\$3,260.99
Estimated value of Relief other than money,	\$2,264.17
No. of Corps reporting books audited quarterly,	132
No. of Corps reporting books audited annually,	6
No. of Corps reporting books audited semi-annually,	2
No. of Corps not reporting,	75
No. of Corps sending Quarterly Relief reports to Posts,	124
No. of Corps not sending at all or annually	87
No. of Corps reporting no Post .	2
One Corps reported being deserted by the Post.	
No. of Corps disbanded	1
The Ritual is memorized by	27
Work of Ritual is properly performed by all but	10
The work of the Secretary and Treasurer is properly done by all but .	23
The number of Rituals is complete in all but	8
The following Corps have the largest Relief Fund:	
No. 63, Abilene	\$132 30
“ 94, Topeka	97 63
“ 201, Towanda	85 12

The following Corps report the largest disbursements for re-

lief:

No. 208, Wellington	. . . . .	\$271 65
" 70, Emporia	. . . . .	262 60
" 111, Hutchsnson	. . . . .	260 67
" 22, Kansas City	. . . . .	228 55
" 94, Topeka	. . . . .	148 30

As late as Dec. 1, I had received reports from only 107 Corps. After that date I sent notices to all delinquents and received in reply reports from 108 Corps.

I had the pleasure of inspecting the Corps at Wichita, Newton, Eureka, Conway Springs and Hutchinson. I shall ever remember these sisters who gave me such a royal welcome.

And now in surrendering my appointment I desire to thank you, Mrs. President, for the honor conferred upon me. I trust that the friendship which has been formed during this year's work together may not be severed. And for all with whom I have been associated in this work I wish to express my appreciation of their kindness to me. Hoping that our beloved Order may prosper in the years to follow as never before, and pledging myself to renewed energy in the work,

Submitted in F., C. and L.

JULIA CAMPBELL,

Department Inspector.

No. 163, Wallace,	} Report no Post.
No. 175, Atwood,	
No. 107, Gardner--Disbanded.	
No. 100, Hays City --Deserted.	

I. & I. Officer's Report.

MISS LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary Woman's Relief Corps.

In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I present to the Tenth Annual Convention the following report of the work performed during the year, as reported by the Assistant I. & I. Officers.

There have been organized during the year nine Corps, as follows:

J. B. Elrod No. 81, Medicine Lodge,	10 members.
Englewood No. 134, Englewood, . .	13 members.
Roanoke No. 138, Oak Valley, . .	22 members.
Richard Steel No. 170, Fort Scott, .	49 members.
S. R. Deatch No. 187, Jewell City, .	17 members.
Baldwin No. 230, Derby, . . .	11 members.
Plainville, No. 255, Plainville, . .	12 members.
J. B. Milroy No. 256, Lenora, . .	15 members.
Gordon Grange, No. 257, Aurora, .	14 members.

Total number of charter members, 163

Of the 257 Corps in the Department 200 reported Installation at this office, as follows:

1-2-3-4-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-
25-26-28-29-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-40-41-42-43-44-45-47-48
49-50-51-52-53-55-56-57-58-60-61-62-63-65-66-67-68-70-72-73
74-75-76-77-78-79-80-82-83-84-86-87-88-89-90-92-93-94-95-98-
99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-
115-117-118-119-121-122-123-124-125-127-129-131-132-133-134-
135-136-137-138-141-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-153-
154-155-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-167-168-169-170-171-
172-173-174-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-

189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-204-206-208-210-211-213-216-217-219-220-221-222-228-229-233-234-236-238-239-240-241-242-244-248-249-252-254-356-257.

Although the Department President stated plainly in General Orders that one report was to be sent to Department Secretary and one to Department Instituting and Installing Officer, in many cases both were sent to the Department Secretary, and the same mistake made in reporting to this office, and although tracers in the way of postal cards have been sent to the dilatory Corps, there are yet 57 Corps to be heard from.

The changing of form "U" to form "L" gave no opportunity for remarks. However, several Installing Officers added a few lines, and in all such cases reported public installation with Post and S. of V.

Mrs. President, I thank you for the honor conferred upon Corps No. 61 by my appointment to this office, and I sincerely wish the same kindness shown my successor as has been given me, by you and my sister members of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Respectfully submitted.

JULIA MCCARTHY,

Dept. I. & I. Officer.

Report of Chief of Aides.

MISS LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

In obedience to a precedent, as old as the Department, and by request of the Department President Lucy R. Jones in Order No. 4, I have the honor of submitting the following report:

The duties of Aides are not well understood; hence the reports from some of these officers pertain largely to personal interests, and lack data from which a concise and valuable report can be made. However, the work done by those who have sent in reports is worthy of praise, and will do much good in the up-building and encouragement of Corps and Corps work.

If there is a lack of material in these reports, there is no lack of devotion to the cause. The spirit of our Order is manifest in every effort made, in every sentence written. "I have done what I could" is the sincere and accepted expression of every sister making a report.

Belle Reid of Grenola, reports as follows:

That she was out of the State about one-fourth of the time; that she organized a Woman's Relief Corps at Oak Valley in June, but that she lost all her memoranda of the proceedings. She closes by saying, "I hope you may have a good Convention this year. I don't expect I can attend."

Mrs. Fanny Dickey, of Corps No. 161, Goodland, reports:

"We have closed a happy and prosperous year. Initiated twelve members. We number fifty. Prospects for the coming year are bright." Owing to the long distance apart, she was unable to do the work among neighboring Corps that she would like to have done.

Jennie B. Marsh of Manhattan, reports:

That the duties incident to caring for a large family, pre-

vented her from doing more than she did. Oct. 14 she inspected Riley Corps, and found it in good condition. Jan. 11, 1894, she installed the officers of her home Corps. Jan. 20 assisted in installing the officers of Sargt. McCoy Corps. Sister Marsh says, "I wrote four Post Commanders in regard to establishing a Woman's Relief Corps where I knew none existed. I did not get a reply from one of these." I hope that the proper officer will see to it that these four brave soldiers be put under arrest.

Maggie R. Wood of Burr Oak reports as follows:

"I addressed fifteen letters, with return cards, to as many Post Commanders, regarding the organization of Corps as auxiliary to their Posts. I received but three replies." Her work of encouragement extends into Nebraska, and she hopes that a greater interest and more enthusiasm will be manifest the coming year.

Miss Dora A. Wierman, Wamego, reports that she too addressed urgent appeals to several Post Commanders, to organize Woman's Relief Corps where such auxiliary did not exist. That Comrades are loud in their praises of the Woman's Relief Corps, but lack the appreciation of the value a Woman's Relief Corps is to a Post. She closes by saying, "O. P. Morton Woman's Relief Corps No. 77 is in splendid condition both socially and financially."

Mrs. Helena Mason of Wichita reports as follows:

"Owing to ill health the first part of the year I was unable to devote much time to the duties that devolved upon me as 'Aide' to our beloved and justly popular Department President, but since I regained my health I have tried to discharge the duties incumbent upon me to the best of my ability. I attended the State Reunion at Hutchinson Aug. 15 to 19, and was gratified to see the enthusiasm that prevailed. Joe Hooker Corps deserves much credit for the endeavors of the sisters to welcome and entertain us. On the 28th day of August I organized Baldwin Corps No. 230, at Derby, Sedgwick county. The Corps started out under very flattering auspices, with a membership of 16. I have visited the Corps since its organization and find it imbued with enterprise and progress.

"I had the honor to attend the National Encampment at In-

dianapolis Sept. 6 to 9, as Delegate from Seventh District.

"On Oct. 17 I went to Sedgwick City. Was accompanied by Una M. Kessler, President elect of Corps No. 40. We drove 23 miles and were present with Stephenson Corps No. 39 at their annual inspection. They proved themselves very proficient in the ritualistic work. The Corps tendered us a reception and banquet. I gave them a detailed report of the National Encampment, which was well received. No. 89 is a model. Corps leads in all enterprises for the benefit of the old soldiers. They have paid for and presented to the Post a flag and banner, and the same to the Sons of Veterans. Also placed a large storm flag on the school building.

"Garfield Corps No. 40 is in a fine condition, and is liberally supplying the wants of the families of ex-soldiers. I have written to Post Commanders with view to establishing Corps auxiliary to their respective Posts.

"Our Corps was inspected by Department Inspector, Julia A. Campbell, of Hutchinson. The Department is to be congratulated in having so competent and efficient an officer. She thoroughly understands her duties, and performs such with credit to the Department and to the satisfaction of the Corps. Her sweet ways, pleasant manner and ability won for her the love and respect of all.

"I have also corresponded with different Corps, and I am proud to report the Corps within my jurisdiction in a prosperous condition. There seems to be an increased interest prevailing that insures their future prosperity."

Mrs. President: Ill health has prevented me from performing the duties which pertain to this office, with which you honored me, in a satisfactory manner to myself. Still, I feel confident that under your wise and zealous administration, our Order is to-day stronger and more loyal to the interests of those who bore the battle, than a year ago. Each kind act performed, each kind and benevolent influence set in motion, by the membership and officers of our grand organization, will bear good fruit and will meet with a suitable reward.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

CORILLA BRIDEGROOM,
Chief of Staff.

Report of Delegate at Large.

MRS. PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THIS CONVENTION:

It gives me great pleasure to submit the following report of the Eleventh National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps which convened in Indianapolis on the 6, 7 and 8 of September, 1893:

The Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. Sept. 6, by Margaret R. Wickens, National President. Singing of the Opening Ode was heartily engaged in by the entire Convention. Prayer was offered by the National Chaplain, Mrs. Mary E. Knowles.

After the devotional exercises were over, the President introduced to the Convention her Staff. Following this was the introduction of Past National officers who were present.

An announcement was made that the Ladies' Citizens' Committee was at the door. They were received. Addresses of welcome and greeting were made by Mrs. Flora Wulschner, Chairman of the Committee, and others, which were responded to by the National President on behalf of the Convention.

The Committee on Credentials made their report, after which other committees were appointed and assigned their duties. The National President was then introduced by the National Vice President, Mrs. Ida V. Hendricks, and proceeded to give her annual address.

After the address, Major Hendershot, the Drummer Boy of the Rappahanock, with his son and daughter, were admitted and introduced. The drummer with his drum and the son with his fife delighted us with some excellent music, after which Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, Past National President, presented the drummer with a new drum and the son with a fife in behalf of the

Woman's Relief Corps at large. After another selection of martial music they retired.

Convention adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Dinner was served in the basement of Robert Park Church free of charge to the delegates.

After reassembling the band of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Knightstown, Ind., was admitted. It was greeted with cheers and waving of handkerchiefs.

The afternoon was spent in listening to the reports of the officers. The Committee on President's Address reported. They sustained the President throughout.

The matter of pension work which had been in the hands of Mrs. Wittenmeyer, whose services had been paid, was recommended by the committee to be dispensed with. This brought out much discussion.

On Thursday the Convention was called to order at 9 o'clock by the President. The minutes were read, after which the Department President of Pennsylvania gave the Convention a very cordial invitation to attend the next National Convention, which would meet at Pittsburg.

Commander in Chief Weissert and staff were then admitted and introduced. They spoke words of encouragement, and after wishing us great prosperity in the future, retired.

The President's address was then presented for further discussion. It was taken up by sections. The greatest discussion was over the seventh recommendation, in reference to the Woman's Council. Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. at which time the Council question was resumed. A standing vote was taken which resulted in the adoption of the recommendation. A motion was then made to adopt the President's address as a whole. Motion carried.

The time had now arrived for the election of officers. The roll was called and the election was ordered, which resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Sarah C. Mink, New York.

Senior Vice President—Jennie Myerhoff, Indiana.

Junior Vice President—Amanda Newcomb, Vermont.

Treasurer—Armillia A. Cheney, Michigan.

Chaplain—Harriet Bodge, Connecticut.

Members of Executive Board—Flo Jamison Miller, Illinois; Gertrude H. Connell, Nebraska; Laura Dodge, Colorado; Amanda Murdock, West Virginia; Mary E. Wright, Maryland.

Members of Home Board—Emma B. Loud, Massachusetts; Margaret Ray Wickens, Kansas.

While the ballots were being counted, the business of the Convention was transacted. During one interval Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, Past Department President of Kansas, presented to Mrs. Wickens a lovely silver, gold lined bowl containing seventy-five dollars, the gift of the staff and members of various Corps. Convention adjourned to meet at 8 p. m.

But very little business was transacted in the Convention room, owing to so much attraction on the streets, and so many delegates leaving for their homes. Some resolutions were offered, and accepted. A few minor affairs were discussed, the new officers were installed, and the Convention was closed. This was said by all present to have been the most harmonious Convention ever held by the Woman's Relief Corps.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

MRS. LYDIA SHEPPARD,

Delegate at Large.

Committees.

The following committees were announced:

On President's Address:

Lanie Lovelace.....Hutchinson.
Una M. Kessler.....Wichita.
Jennie Wyatt.....Agra.
Minerva C. Tucker.....Sedgwick.
Lizzie A. Fouts.....McPherson.

On Senior Vice-President's Report:

Carrie B. Straight.....Paola.
Elizabeth C. Wynn.....Larned.
Mary E. Skaggs.....Sedan.
Mary E. Cole.....Atchison.
Mary Coe.....Iola.

On Junior Vice President's Report:

[Absent by reason of sickness; no
report.]

On Secretary's Report:

Jennie R. Marsh.....Manhattan.
Mary K. Paul.....Abilene.
Dora A. Wierman.....Wamego.
Maggie R. Wood.....Burr Oak.
Amanda Scott.....Independence.

On Treasurer's Report:

Frances H. Lund.....Larned.
Marian H. Eastman.....Emporia.
Lulu House.....Manhattan.
Martha Burris.....Olathe.
Sarah J. Penny.....Goodland.

On Chaplain's Report :

E. A. Drone Bonner Springs.
Hattie E. Peeler Severance.
Helen I. Clemens Junction City.
Lottie J. Cheever Wellington.
Mary F. Milligan Towanda.

On Counselor's Report :

Jennie Dean Oberlin.
Nellie Volk Topeka.
Flora Hedges Newton.
Mae Brown Junction City.
Anna Heacock Parsons.

On Inspector's Report :

Estella N. Edgecomb Marvin.
Emily J. Moyes Lawrence.
L. N. Bailey Spring Hill.
Louise Mitchell Americus.
Clara E. Norton Council Grove.

On Instituting and Installing Officer's Report :

Barbara E. Pond Fort Scott.
E. M. Houser Newton.
Marian A. Casad Abilene.
Lucinda Kirby Nonchalanta.
Ruhama Harter Marion.

On Chief of Aides' Report :

Retta Hargrave La Crosse.
Lillian McGregor Coyville.
E. Terry Toronto.
Flora Carter Conway Springs.
Emily M. Worley Clifton.

On Delegate at Large's Report :

Georgiana Edwards Newton.
Polly Young Wichita.
Ella C. Holton Eureka.
Anna Jacobs Perth.
Emma A. Ellis Garnett.

On Resolutions:

Belle C. Harris.....Emporia.
Jennie E. Besack.....Washington.
Mary C. Stuart.....Newton.
Anna M. Swan.....Dodge City.
Hattie S. Coulter.....Topeka.

To visit G. A. R.:

Julia Campbell.....Hutchinson.
Ida W. Moore.....Abilene.
Emma B. Alrich.....Cawker City.
Edith M. Wood.....Pittsburg.

To visit Sons of Veterans:

Lulu D. Jones.....Norton.
Alice M. Seeds.....Abilene.
Dora A. Wierman.....Wamego.
Frances H. Lund.....Larned.

To visit Ladies' Aid Society:

Mattie Leland.....Troy.
Jane M. Grimes.....Hiawatha.
E. E. Ranney.....Burlington.
Hattie Brick.....Salina.

Committee to Ladies of G. A. R.:

Evalyn Bradford.....Concordia.
Frances H. Lund.....Larned.
Maggie R. Wood.....Burr Oak.

Tellers:

Frances H. Lund.....Larned.
Belle C. Harris.....Emporia.
Lydia Sheppard.....Wichita.
Julia McCarthy.....Larned.

Convention called to order at 4 p. m. Conductor reported all present members of the Order.

A lady asked the privilege of allowing her little girl, five years of age, to sit in the Convention. As there was nothing especial for the afternoon it was moved by Mrs. Coulter, seconded by Mrs. Leppleman, that she be allowed a seat to-day. Carried.

The Department President requested the chairman of each committee to now announce their place of meeting, which they did.

The Chief of Aides being absent, her report was read by Mrs. Allen of Oberlin and referred to the committee appointed.

The Department President here stated that she would like to introduce to the convention two National officers who were present, viz: Mrs. E. M. Houser, Assistant National Inspector for Kansas, and Mrs. Julia Campbell, National Aide. They were presented and given the salute of the Order. Mrs. Ida W. Moore, Counselor, then asked the privilege of using the gavel a moment, and presented to the Convention the Department President, Mrs. Lucy Reed Jones, as "*Special Aide* from Kansas on the staff of the National President." She was also given the salute.

Two Comrades were announced. Business was suspended and Comrades Campbell of Hutchinson, and Colladay were admitted. Comrade Colladay spoke as follows:

"When installed as Commander one year ago I started out to make a speech; but the ladies laughed on my right, and Comrades jeered on my left. I had said 'Corps' instead of 'Post.' But I know your good works."

R. A. Campbell of Hutchinson:

"I always feel at home in the presence of Loyalty, and have no use for any society that excludes Loyalty. This is my true internal feelings outwardly expressed."

Medical Director Long:

"I admire the work of the women who nobly work for the veterans of the war."

The Department President responded appropriately. She

said they would always find the women ready to lend a *helping hand* and assured them a hearty welcome always at our meetings.

The Department President announced that in accordance with the resolution of last year, Corps that had not suspended or dropped a member, and whose reports had been filed within five days after the close of the quarter were entitled to a badge of honor for each of their representatives at Convention. Representatives from the following Corps were invited to come forward and receive them:

Nos. 2-8-9-12-14-60-70-75-79-82-83-99-102-106-124-143-148
151-153-157-169-185-194-217-228-224-253.

Delegate at Large read a very full report of the National Convention at Indianapolis in 1893, and it was referred to the committee. (See list of committees).

The report of the committee on the Kansas room at the National Woman's Relief Corps Home, known as the Margaret R. Wickens room, was called for. Mrs. Ida C. Martin, chairman, resigned this charge during the year and Mrs. McCarthy, the second member of the committee, did not wish to assume the chairmanship. Mrs. Belle C. Harris, the third member, kindly took up the work and read her report, which was received with pleasure. She reported as follows:

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS:

The report of the committee appointed on the furnishing of the Margaret R. Wickens, and known as the Kansas room, in the National Woman's Relief Corps Home at Madison, Ohio, is herewith submitted. At the Convention last year, when this Committee was appointed, Mrs. Ida C. Martin was made chairman, but on account of pressing business matters and other reasons, she resigned her position as chairman, and on July 11th I was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Up to this date very little had been received by Mrs. Martin. Our President announced in General Orders No. 4, July 21st, of the change in the committee. I waited patiently to hear from

Fredonia	Corps No.	53	.	.	.	\$ 1 00
Kingman	"	212	.	.	.	1 00
Buffalo	"	198	.	.	.	1 00
Norton	"	149	.	.	.	2 00
Marquette	"	219	.	.	.	2 00
Americus	"	158	.	.	.	50
Altamont	"	68	.	.	.	1 00
Pittsburg	"	98	.	.	.	2 00
Mount Hope	"	137	.	.	.	1 00
Almena	"	162	.	.	.	50
Galena	"	32	.	.	.	2 00
Atwood	"	175	.	.	.	1 00
Seneca	"	238	.	.	.	1 00
Lebanon	"	248	.	.	.	1 00
Hiawatha	"	42	.	.	.	1 00
Leeds	"	181	.	.	.	1 00
Burlington	"	73	.	.	.	1 90
Arkansas City	"	56	.	.	.	1 00
Manhattan	"	43	.	.	.	1 00
Cedarvale	"	160	.	.	.	1 00
Wakefield	"	228	.	.	.	1 00
Larned	"	61	.	.	.	1 00
Wilson	"	151	.	.	.	1 00
Glen Elder	"	231	.	.	.	1 00
Marvin	"	210	.	.	.	50
Hartford	"	95	.	.	.	1 00
Howard	"	36	.	.	.	1 00
Parsons	"	76	.	.	.	3 00
Chanute	"	90	.	.	.	1 00
Garnett	"	64	.	.	.	1 00
Atchison	"	69	.	.	.	5 00
Louisville	"	114	.	.	.	1 00
Argentine	"	177	.	.	.	1 00
Concordia	"	74	.	.	.	1 00
Udall	"	173	.	.	.	1 00
Goodland	"	161	.	.	.	2 00

Total cash received, \$84 97

EXPENDITURES.

Pair white wool blankets	\$7 00
Feather duster	50
Dust pan	25
Pair pillows	4 50
Pair lace curtains	5 00
Ottoman	1 00
Embroidered pillow shams	6 50
Dresser scarf	1 25
Mantle drape and fringe	1 50
2 beautiful etchings	10 00
3 sheets	1 58
6 pair pillow cases	1 65
Chair tidy	50
4 mats for dresser	30
2 linen stand covers	1 00
Chenile table cover	2 75
White counterpane	2 50
2 handsome comforts	5 00
Hannah R. Plimpton (draft on New York)	6 50
Box and drayage to depot	1 50
Freight on box	2 65
Ida C. Martin, postage	22
“ “ printing circulars	2 75
Belle C. Harris, expense and express	10 00

Total expended, 76 40

Leaving a balance on hand, subject to the disposal of this convention, of \$8.57.

Articles received as follows:

Pratt	Corps No.	220—3 sheets.
Vilas	“	155—1 quilt.
Loue Elm	“	153 - Counterpane.
Hayes City	“	100—Bureau scarf.
Columbus	“	31—Handsome bible.
Hutchinson	“	111—Moquette rug.
Newton	“	71—4 towels.

Nickerson Corps No. 25—3 cushions and 4 towels.

Emporia “ 70—4 towels.

Coffeyville “ 171—2 quilts.

Council Grove “ 72—2 towels.

Cherokee “ 139—Oil painting.

Estimated value of above articles, \$32.25.

The box was shipped by freight to Hannah R. Plimpton, Matron of the National Woman's Relief Corps Home on November 11. Later articles came in that were sent by express.

On receipt of the box, Mrs. Plimpton writes, "I think they are the handsomest ever sent to the Home, and Mrs. Wood, the lady in your room, is perfectly delighted with them. She will keep them nicely, too. We will get your room all fixed up this week. I wish we had the value of your furnishings, so it could be reported in next year's Journal.

"I hope many of the Kansas sisters will visit the Home, if not before, they will next Convention, enroute to or from Pittsburg. They will be welcome guests."

It was the desire of the committee to have every Corps in the state contribute something toward this room. Twenty-four Corps wrote expressing a desire to assist, but financially were not able. The committee wish to extend their thanks to the Corps that so generously contributed to this Kansas room, named in honor of Past National President.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

BELLE C. HARRIS.

JULIA MCCARTHY.

IDA C. MARTIN.

Committee.

The following letter was received from the occupant of the Kansas room at the Home and read by Mrs. Harris.

It was moved by Mrs. Ida W. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lee of Wichita, and carried, that the letter be printed with the report.

MADISON, OHIO, December 16, 1893.

I am sitting in my room that Kansas has furnished so many nice, comfortable things. I spent all but two years of my mar-

ried life there in Topeka, and one year in Emporia. The last two years Mr. Wood's health was so poor that he thought he could not endure the cold winters any longer, so he sold a nice, pleasant home at a sacrifice, and went to Tampa, Florida. His health seemed to improve at once, and we were again starting another home, putting every cent in it that could be spared, when the epidemic of yellow fever came. I had it first, and was not able to take the care *he* ought to have had, so he passed away with the 148 that lay there in the cemetery. Five soldiers there lay buried, in that rebel cemetery. There are northern soldiers enough there now to have a Post, and I think a Corps. I had no one to help me pay a little that was due on the place and I lost all I had, and found a home here that the loyal women have provided for the dependent ones of the soldiers who saved their homes to them. It is a beautiful home in such a beautiful location, in every way. Meeting house very near me of my own denomination (Baptist,) two good matrons that try to do all they can for the comfort and happiness of those who come here. Everything you have sent looks so nice, the window curtains and pillow shams are so handsome, and the bible is much the same as my own that Mr. Wood gave me. I gave that to one of my nephews. The blankets are one of my comforts in particular. Be assured I can enjoy it all, as I may need them, to the very nicest point, and will take the very best care of them. Those little mats are just cute, so pretty. Did Topeka send anything? If so, what, and what Corps? Please let me know—I was a member of Lincoln Corps. Many thanks for comforts, spreads, towels and all. Will you please give my thanks to the different ones, Columbus Corps because it is a reference bible for that is the way I read it. I want to tell you this home is in every way well provided for, an abundance always on the table and a good variety; no cause for complaint in any way. God bless the Woman's Relief Corps everywhere. They will be rewarded for their work of love and mercy.

MRS. EUNICE W. WOOD.

W. R. C. Home, Madison, Ohio.

Mrs. Houser, of Newton, moved to send a telegram or letter of sympathy, to our afflicted Junior Vice President, Miss Allie Myers of Olathe, who has been suffering some time from paralysis. Motion seconded by Mrs. Belle C. Harris. Carried.

A delegation of Comrades were admitted, and Medical Director Long made a few remarks. After the Comrades retired business was resumed.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Emma B. Alrich, asked leave to report, as it had not been the custom for this officer to make a report. Mrs. Alrich stated that notwithstanding requests had been made for Corps to report to her any items of interest for publication, she had heard from just three Corps, and depended on her exchange list of newspapers for news.

The Department Secretary reported 181 delegates has presented their credential cards and received badges up to this time.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as corrected.

Moved by Mrs. James, seconded by Mrs. Edwards of Troy, that the Convention adjourn to 9 a. m. Wednesday. Carried.

NEWTON, KAS., FEB. 21, 1894.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 9 a. m. All united in singing the Opening Ode and repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The Conductor reported all present having the proper pass word of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The Convention was then declared open for the transaction of business.

The Department President stated that Mrs. Minnie D. Morgan, of Cottonwood Falls, a Past President of her own Corps and a Past Department Officer, was in the ante room and desired a seat in the Convention. The Corps at Cottonwood Falls had not met for some time but all supplies were in their hands and Mrs. Morgan's dues were paid to date so that she was still a member of the Order.

Question, by Mrs. Edwards, of Newton: "Is she not the

mother of Col. W. G. Morgan, the Division Colonel of the Sons of Veterans?"

Department President: "She is."

It was moved by Mrs. Edwards, of Newton, seconded by Mrs. Riley, of El Dorado, that Mrs. Morgan be allowed a seat in the Convention. Carried.

The Department President instructed the Guard to inform Mrs. Morgan of the action of the Convention.

Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, Chairman of the Committee on the World's Fair Design, read their report, as follows:

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION:

At the Eighth Annual Convention, held in Atchison in 1892, a communication was received from Mrs. Lewis Hanback, one of the World's Fair Commissioners from Kansas, requesting the Relief Corps of our state to prepare some suitable and appropriate Woman's Relief Corps design to be placed in the Kansas Building at the World's Fair.

After due consideration that Convention authorized the Department Council to take such steps as it might deem best to procure such design.

An original drawing was procured and a complete description of this design was sent to each Corps last year. The price of this design as approved by Council was \$160.

The Ninth Annual Convention approved the action of the Council, and the undersigned Committee was appointed to see that the Design was completed and properly placed in the Kansas Building at the World's Fair.

The Design was completed, taken to Chicago, properly placed and draped with flags, in the Kansas Building in May, 1893, where it remained until the close of the Fair.

While this Design is not a large advertisement of our Order, nor was it intended as such, it is an appropriate emblem of the esteem and respect of the Woman's Relief Corps, as embodied in the "Objects of our Order," for the Grand Army of the Republic and their fallen comrades.

We would recommend that as the State House at Topeka is

in an unfinished condition, that after the close of this Convention this Design be placed temporarily in the Historical Rooms at Topeka, and the incoming Department President be authorized to take the necessary steps in the matter.

IDA WILSON MOORE.

LUCY REED JONES.

ALICE M. SEEDS.

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Lund, and seconded by Mrs. Coulter, that the report be adopted. Carried.

This committee had brought the Design with them as they had been instructed, and every representative had the privilege of examining it before it was taken to the State Historical rooms at Topeka.

Mrs. Volk moved that this committee be extended a vote of thanks by the Convention. Seconded and carried. Mrs. Volk also moved that the Convention extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. Belle C. Harris for her labors in furnishing the Kansas room, at the National Woman's Relief Corps Home, known as the Kansas Margaret R. Wickins room. Seconded by Mrs. Moore. Carried.

Mrs. Jennie R. Marsh, of Manhattan, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on the Department Secretary's Report:

"We, your Committee on Report of the Department Secretary, beg leave to submit the following as our report:

We have carefully examined this report and find it complete in every respect, and feel that the perfectness of the report bears testimony to the faithfulness of that officer. The suggestion regarding care and promptness in making out and forwarding Corps reports we most heartily approve; and we endorse the recommendation in regard to completing a roster of the charter members of the old Corps of the Department.

JENNIE R. MARSH.

MARY K. PAUL.

DORA A. WIERMAN.

MAGGIE R. WOOD.

AMANDA W. SCOTT.

Committee.

It was moved by Mrs. Besack of Washington, and seconded by Mrs. Seeds of Abilene, that it be adopted as read. Some discussion as to manner of carrying out the recommendation of the Secretary's report. Question called and motion carried.

Mrs. Lund, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on Treasurer's Report.

MRS. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION:

We have examined the report of our faithful Treasurer, and believe she has conscientiously performed the duties of the office in accordance with her obligation.

Although she has been called to "*Pass Under the Rod*," yet she has taken up the work, bravely and courageously, in order that no Corps should be neglected, and we feel that she is entitled to the thanks of every member of the Woman's Relief Corps of Kansas, for the systemized statement given us, of the financial condition of this Department.

We approve the recommendation—"that the balance remaining in the World's Fair fund, and the few cents in the M. R. Wickins Testimonial Fund, be placed in the Department Relief Fund."

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

FRANCES H. LUND.

MARIAN A. EASTMAN.

LULU E. HOUSE.

MARTHA A. BURRIS.

SARAH J. PENNY.

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Leppleman that the Committee's report be accepted. Carried.

The Committee on the Senior Vice President's report read their report of the same:

MRS. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE TENTH CONVENTION:

We, your Committee on Senior Vice's Report desire to say that the report has been examined and would recommend that since her effort to organize a Corps at Baxter Springs last August was not successful, that another effort be made at a more

suitable time. This Committee also wish to extend their sincere sympathy to our Senior Vice, Mrs. Wood, in her recent bereavement in the death of her beloved mother, also a member of our Order.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

ELIZABETH C. WYNN.

MARY E. COLE.

CARRIE B. STRAIGHT.

MARY E. SKAGGS.

MARY COE.

Committee.

It was moved by Mrs. Welch and seconded by Mrs. Cook that their report be accepted. Carried.

The Department President announced that the various Committees were at liberty to retire to visit the Grand Army and other societies at any time they saw fit.

The Senior Vice President asked permission to speak, and on behalf of the Convention presented the Department President with a beautiful, diamond studded gold badge, as a token of their love, and appreciation of the work done by her so enthusiastically during the past year.

The Department President responded feelingly and fittingly, to the effect that while she "would prize the badge for its beauty and intrinsic worth, yet beyond all this she would value it for its expression of love and appreciation of labor and sacrifices cheerfully given in the interest of the Department."

The visiting committees then retired and business was resumed by the committee reporting on Inspector's Report as follows:

MRS. PRESIDENT:

We, as a Committee on Inspector's Report, would recommend the acceptance of the report as a whole.

ESTELLA N. EDGECOMBE.

EMILY J. MOYS.

CLARA E. NORTON.

L. M. BAILEY.

LOUISE E. MITCHELL.

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Casey, seconded by Mrs. Robinson, that the report of the committee be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Barbara E. Pond read the report of the Committee on the Instituting and Installing Officer's Report.

MRS. PRESIDENT, AND MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION:

We, your Committee on Report of Instituting and Installing Officer, find the report to be a concise statement of her work.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

BARBARA E. POND.

MARIAN A. CASAD.

RUHAMA HARTER.

LUCINDA KIRBY.

ELIZABETH M. HOUSER.

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Sheppard, seconded by Mrs. Hargrove, that the report of the committee be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Jennie Dean of Oberlin read the report of the Committee on Counselor's Report and recommended its adoption as a whole.

MRS. PRESIDENT, AND MEMBERS OF THE TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION:

As Chairman of the Committee on Counselor's Report, I submit the following:

We have carefully examined each subject taken up by our worthy Counselor, from the explanation of her duties, to the several opinions rendered in the latter part of her report, and can cheerfully recommend its adoption as a whole.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

JENNIE DEAN.

ANNIE HEACOCK.

MAE BROWN.

NELLIE VOLK.

FLORA E. HEDGES.

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Jennie Marsh of Manhattan, seconded by Mrs. Keeler of Severance, that the report of the Committee be

accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Hargrave, chairman of the committee on the Chief of Aide's report, read the report of the committee:

We, the committee on the Chief of Staff, accept the report as being correct.

RETTA HARGRAVE.

FLORA CARTER.

C. J. TERRY.

LILLY MCGREGOR.

EMILY M. WORLEY.

Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Lapham of Herington, seconded by Mrs. McKinsey of Columbus, that the committee's report be accepted. Carried.

The Committee to visit the Ladies' Aid Society, Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, returned and the chairman, Mrs. Mattie Leland, reported that they were received very kindly and had a pleasant time.

The Department Secretary announced that 203 delegates had received badges to this time.

Minutes of the preceding session read and approved.

A committee of ladies was announced and being escorted to the rostrum by the Conductor gave the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, it being the first occasion that calls were made by them to the Woman's Relief Corps.

The Department President repounded in an appropriate manner and after they retired the Convention adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, FEBRUARY 21, 1894.

Meeting was called to order at 2 p. m.

The Conductor reported all present as having the proper password of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The committee who visited the Grand Army of the Republic reported through its chairman, Mrs. Julia Campbell, that the committee were cordially received and that while the greetings

were being read, she was obliged to pause for applause at the close of each statement of amount expended for relief. Also that they gave three cheers for the Woman's Relief Corps, and three cheers for the committee.

Miss Lulu D. Jones, Chairman for the committee who visited the Sons of Veterans, reported that they were conducted to the rostrum, all spoke and were handsomely and enthusiastically received.

Mrs. Seely of Ellsworth moved and Mrs. Volk of Topeka seconded the motion that the Department President appoint a committee to carry our greetings to the ladies of the G. A. R. Unanimously carried. Mrs. Evalyn Bradford, Mrs. Frances H. Lund and Mrs. Maggie R. Wood were appointed.

The Conductors were requested to escort Past Department Secretary Laura E. Myers, of Wichita, and Mrs. Romance Daugherty, wife of Past Commander Daugherty, of Newton, to the rostrum to receive the salute of the Order, which was done.

Mrs. Lovelace, of Hutchinson, Chairman of the committee on the Department President's Address, made the following report:

TO THE MEMEBRS OF THE TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION:

We, your committee on the report of our beloved President, Lucy Reed Jones, have examined and find it very complete in every respect, and feel that it bears testimony to the faithfulness of her work. We earnestly believe the thanks of this Convention and every member of the Woman's Relief Corps are due her for the efficient work of the year, which has been so well and impartially performed, and we heartily recommend the adoption of the report with all recommendations therein.

Respectfully submitted in E., C. & L.

LANIE LOVELACE.

UNA M. KESLER.

MINERVA TUCKER.

LIZZIE FOUTZ.

JENNIE WYATT.

Committee.

Corps. No. 40, of Wichita, moved its adoption, seconded by

many. Carried.

Mrs. E. A. Drone, of Bonner Springs, Chairman of the committee on Chaplain's report, presented the following:

MRS. PRESIDENT.

We, your Committee on Chaplain's Work, beg leave to make the following report:

We are glad to hear of increased interest shown. Number of Corps reporting, 208. Number not reporting, 39. More children taking an active part. More monuments to unknown dead.

Sorry to know she has been hindered through Corps not understanding the fact that they must purchase the Chaplain's blank.

Urge Corps Presidents to see that blanks are on hand and that Chaplains fill out and send immediately.

We consider the report able and interesting, fully covering the work, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

E. A. DRONE.

HATTIE PEELER.

HELEN CLEMONS.

LOTTIE J. CHEEVER.

MARY F. MILLIGAN.

Committee.

Mrs. Belle C. Harris moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Leppleman. Carried.

A committee from the Sons of Veterans was announced in waiting. Business suspended and the Conductors escorted Col. C. D. Jones, of Norton, Captain A. C. Alrich, of Lawrence, Captain E. B. White, of Independence, and Captain Knox, of Emporia to the platform. Col. C. D. Jones, Past Commander of the Kansas Division of Sons of Veterans, and husband of our Department President, was introduced as "Our husband," and spoke as follows:

"This introduction acquaints me with a predicament I was not aware I occupied. I have always entertained the highest re-

gard and warmest feelings for the Woman's Relief Corps, and thought I sustained very close relations to it, but had no idea that they had assumed a conjugal character. To tell the truth I am proud to be thus received. I believe this Department numbers over seven thousand grand, noble women. Solomon in all his glory did not equal me in the husband business.

"Well, I am glad to meet you.

"Some one has said, 'The world knows nothing of its greatest men,' and might have added, less of its noblest women. Solomon's song of love to the church was not too highly attuned for praise of the valor and patriotism of the American women. The suffering of the soldiers of the rebellion is fearful to contemplate, but it never equalled in intensity that of the grand women who gave their husbands, brothers, fathers and their all to feed the monster of cruel war. Corroding anxiety and suspense ate their way into the tender hearts of these women thus leaving homes most desolate. But the grand work of relief organized and conducted by them during the war was the crowning evidence of their fidelity."

Col. Jones referred very feelingly to the absence of Col. C. D. Herod, occasioned by serious sickness. He said that during the seven last encampments he and Col. Herod had visited our Conventions together. He said that since his witness of the work at Department Headquarters during the past year, he had a more exalted opinion, if possible, of the achievements of our Order, and the imperative need of its continued existence. He spoke of the faithful, honest attention which his wife had given the Department as its President.

Captain A. G. Alrich said: "I am proud to be the son of a veteran soldier; and as proud to be the son of a mother who helped to found the Order of the Woman's Relief Corps at Denver in 1883. I am always glad to meet with the Woman's Relief Corps, and to be placed on this committee to-day. I never made a speech in my life, and I don't want to surprise my mother by making one now."

Capt. White spoke of the pleasure the younger Sons of Veterans are now sharing, while the older ones shared the hardships.

of their fathers and realize what the women passed through while the fathers were at the front. Also of the work at his own home. He encouraged first, reverence for the fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic; second, reverence for the mothers, the Woman's Relief Corps; that in their hands lies the business of teaching the young patriots.

Capt. Knox stated that he was proud to be the son of a soldier, and of a soldier's wife; that his chief business there was to invite the Convention to attend and participate in the parade at 4:30 p. m. sharp.

The Department President stated that she was proud to pin the souvenir badge on the "Department's husband," and on Capt. Alrich, the youngest member of the committee, she pinned her own badge, and said the mothers were always glad to welcome to their meetings the Sons of Veterans.

Moved by Mrs. Lapham, that the Convention extend to Col. Morgan a vote of thanks for his invitation; but, that owing to the inclement weather and pressing business it would be impossible to participate. Carried.

Mrs. McCarthy moved to send Col. Morgan a badge. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Fuller and seconded by Mrs. Williford that a souvenir badge be presented to Mrs. Minnie D. Morgan, mother of Col. Morgan, who was sitting in Convention. Carried. The committee then retired.

Business was resumed and the minutes of the first Council meeting of the year were read. Moved by Mrs. Leppleman, seconded by Mrs. Cooper, that they be adopted. Carried.

Minutes of second Council meeting read. Mrs. Williford moved their adoption; seconded by Mrs. Lanning. Carried.

After the minutes of the third Council meeting were read, Mrs. Lund moved that the report of the Executive Board be taken up separately by sections. Amended to read that the whole be accepted as the minutes of the meeting.

The recommendation of the Executive Board was read. Moved by Mrs. Alrich of Cawker, seconded by Mrs. Casey that it be

adopted.

Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Seeds, Mrs. Besack, Mrs. Julia Campbell and Mrs. Mattie Leland, also the Department President, took part in the discussion explaining how it was intended to simplify the work of the Order.

Question called and motion to adopt the recommendation was carried.

Recommendation offered by Mrs. Moore amended to read that the sheets be sent out with the first General Orders of the incoming President. Carried.

Mrs. Sheppard moved and Mrs. Williford seconded the motion, that the report be accepted as a whole. Carried.

Mrs. McCarthy moved that the Convention send a telegram to Mrs. Margaret R. Wickens. Carried.

A committee from the Grand Army was here announced as in waiting in the ante room. On motion the Comrades were received, and addressed the Convention as follows:

O. H. Coulter, editor of the *Western Veteran*, spoke of the "appreciation by the Grand Army of the efforts now, as in 1865, when the helping hand of loyal women was extended to Comrades, now care was given to the widows and orphans. No other band has accomplished what the Woman's Relief Corps has, and it will soon be the strongest element of loyalty in the state."

Comrade Linn: "Nothing more endearing to me than love of the Order to which I belong; and glad that the Woman's Relief Corps cooperate with the Grand Army in looking to the children's literature and the books used in the public schools."

Comrade Pestana gave a humorous account of capturing a rebel, and guarding a young lady rebel in 1864, and felt peculiarly honored to be one to bring a soldier's greeting now. The boys all had been young, but on all time had plowed its furrows and it was the duty of the Woman's Relief Corps to perpetuate the principles for which they had fought."

Comrade Finch: "The loyalty of this generation springs from the loyal women of the North with whom it required more nerve to part, than to put their names on the roll of enlistment. Losing friends on the field of battle was not the only sacrifice

made. The Woman's Relief Corps can do more to keep up the Grand Army than that Order can of itself."

Comrade Harris: "An Auxiliary is a wife, and we all love our wives; the same credit is due loyal women, as to loyal men who volunteered for the war. We are loyal to those who are loyal to our flags."

The Department President responded that the "same loving assistance given by the women during the war will be continued by the women of the Woman's Relief Corps."

The committee then retired under escort of Conductors.

The roll call of Convention was given and the following Tellers appointed:

Frances H. Lund,
Belle C. Harris,
Lydia Sheppard,
Julia McCarthy.

Nominations for Department President were called for.

Mrs. Lovelace of Hutchinson, nominated Julia Campbell of Hutchinson. Mrs. Sanborn of Atchison seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Pond of Fort Scott nominated Mrs. Margaret Griffith of Emporia. This nomination was seconded by Corps No. 70, No. 191 and several others.

Mrs. Williford nominated Mrs. Edith M. Wood, of Pittsburg. Nomination seconded by Mrs. Hultz, Mrs. Johnson and others.

Mrs. Boyd nominated Mrs. Hattie Riley, of El Dorado. Nomination was seconded by Mrs. Lapham, of Herington.

Mrs. Peeler wished to nominate the present Department President, Mrs. Lucy Reed Jones. Mrs. Jones *declined positively*.

Mrs. Georgiana Edwards of Newton was nominated, who also declined.

First ballot:

Campbell,	69
Wood,	76
Griffith,	57
Riley,	30

Total No. votes 232 No election.

Second ballot:

Campbell,	77
Wood,	87
Griffith,	55
Riley,	12

Total No. votes	231	No election.
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Third ballot:

Campbell,	83
Wood, •	99
Griffith	53

Total No. votes,	235	No election.
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Fourth ballot:

Campbell,	112
Wood,	114

Mrs. Edith M. Wood, of Pittsburg, was declared elected and presented to the convention as their choice. Mrs. Wood stated that she would do all in her power to further the cause of the Order and was willing to be of any service to any member of the Corps'or Posts, to the Department 'or Grand Army of the Republic.

Third Day.

NEWTON, KANSAS, February 22, 1894.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 9:30 a. m. All united in singing the Opening ode and were led in prayer by the Department Chaplain.

A committee from the L. A. S. was announced. The Conductors escorted them to the station when the Department President announced Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Vader, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Mosier and also stated that the Convention did not need to suspend business for the visitors as they were also members of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The committee on telegrams and greetings reported as follows:

MRS. LUCY R. JONES,

Department President Kansas Woman's Relief Corps:

Corps No. 163, Wallace, Kansas, sends greetings to the Department Convention at Newton. We had hoped to have been represented by our delegate, Mrs. Annie S. Burr, but finances were too short. Our Corps is alive and at work. Best wishes for a successful convention.

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LUCY REED JONES, *President:*

Osage Corps No. 196, expresses the deepest regrets that they cannot be represented in the Convention. Our regular delegate is ill, and the great needs of the veterans who have been dropped from the pension rolls, with other frequent calls on the Treasury prevents; but be assured of our loyalty to the interest of our noble Order and remember us in your deliberations.

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MRS. LUCY R. JONES,

President Kansas Department Woman's Relief Corps:

Homer M. Jones sends the regrets of his aunt (Miss Allie

Myers, our Department Junior Vice President) as she is not able to write them herself, having been an invalid by reason of paralysis for some months.

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MRS. LUCY R. JONES,

Department President Kansas Woman's Relief Corps:

My heart is with you. May you have a pleasant, profitable time in your deliberations.

EMMA A. BEDELL.

Past Department President, Norman, Ok.

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NEW YORK CITY.

MRS. LUCY R. JONES,

Department President Kansas Woman's Relief Corps:

Dear Mrs. Jones:—Please accept my congratulations for the very successful administration you have given the Kansas Department of our beloved Order. Carry my greetings to the Convention, and with them my wishes for a pleasant and fraternal time.

ELLA POWELL.

Past Department President Kansas Woman's Relief Corps.

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BOSTON, MASS.

MRS. LUCY R. JONES, *Department President:*

Accept my best wishes for the Department of Kansas; though I am absent in body I am present in spirit. Remember me to the sisters that I remember with so much kindness and love.

CLARA EGGLESTON JUNKERMANN.

Past Department President.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

MRS. LUCY R. JONES, *Department President:*

I cannot refrain from expressing my appreciation and thanks for copies of your general orders. Give a fraternal greeting to your Convention from the Department of Illinois, which feels doubly bound to Kansas through our Past National President, Margaret R. Wickens.

EMMA R. WALLACE.

Department President of Illinois.

CENTRAL CITY, NEB.

MRS. LUCY R. JONES, *Department President.*

Nebraska sends greetings to you and our Woman's Relief Corps Sisters in Kansas. May your Convention be harmonious, your deliberations result in much good for the sacred cause you represent, and peace and charity prevail. Congratulating you on the success of your administration, I am,

Yours in F., C. & L.,

MELLIE C. HARDS.

Department President Nebraska Woman's Relief Corps.

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OFFICE OF PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

MRS. LUCY R. JONES,

*Department President Woman's Relief Corps, and to
the members of Convention assembled:*

I cannot tell you the disappointment I feel in not being with you at this session when for the first time my name is enrolled as being absent, and I shall miss this annual reunion and love feast of Loyalty.

I feel that I have lived ages since I last looked into the dear faces of my Kansas sisters, in the experiences that have been mine; and I want to express to all the Corps my appreciation of the loving messages of tender sympathy for me and mine when the death angel came and claimed my dear husband; the companion of thirty years in the joys, and honors, the sadness, and sorrows of life.

My path now seems to lead me into new fields; my home is broken up and new duties assumed. I have been elected State Superintendent of Home for Juvenile Female Offenders, of Illinois, located at 3111 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill. More than ever my heart turns this week to my dear friends in the Sunflower state with whom such pleasant relations have existed; where such high appreciation has ever been given to the honors I have been able to bring to our western Department; such loyalty to my administration, both Department and National. My membership shall be retained with you. The Past National President will

vote with Kansas; not only in name, but in spirit; and when the fates shall so decree, I shall return to my Kansas home.

May your deliberations be profitable, harmonious and advantageous. Lay well the foundations of your year's work; and as the declining years of our brave Comrades creep upon them, each year leaving the number less, making their pensions harder to obtain, the depression of the times their financial surroundings less promising, let us work harder; go from your Convention stronger in the great principles we have obligated ourselves to perpetuate, a helpful Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

MARGARET RAY WICKINS.

Past National President Woman's Relief Corps.

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The report of the committee on telegrams and greetings was accepted by consent of the Convention.

A committee of Sons of Veterans was announced and escorted to the front. Mr. Wilson stated that they did not want to be introduced, but to see the Convention and get a badge. Mr. Tubbs said: "I don't think the Sons can pay too much honor to the mothers of the Sons." After a few words of welcome they retired and business was resumed.

The Department President then appointed Mrs. Volk, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Besack and Mrs. Lapham a committee to carry the greetings of Margaret R. Wickins to the G. A. R.

Comrade Ritchie, of Wabaunsee county was then announced and introduced, who stated that he had "never visited the Woman's Relief Corps before, and had always been anxious to do so; that he had faced death on many battle fields, and the boys who carried the flag four years appreciated the labors of the Woman's Relief Corps."

The Department President assured him of the loyal support of the Woman's Relief Corps, and pinned on the veteran's breast a souvenir badge.

The Committee on resolutions asked leave to report at this time for satisfactory reasons and consent was given.

NEWTON, KANSAS, Feb. 22, 1893.

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary:

The Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following as their report:

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Resolved, That the Chaplain's report be amended to include the names of deceased members, not appearing on her report, and that the delegates of each Corps be requested to hand in the names of such deceased members.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

Resolved, That hereafter the expenses of the Department President to the National Convention be limited to \$50.

Your Committee does not recommend the adoption of this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

Resolved, That hereafter the sum of \$50 be taken from the Department General Fund, toward purchasing a suitable testimonial for the Department President.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 4.

Resolved, That this Convention extend a vote of thanks to the Corps of the city of Newton for courtesies shown the Tenth Annual Convention during their stay.

Your Committee recommend its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 5.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the citizens, the Reception Committee and all who have assisted by their untiring efforts, to make the visit of the delegates of this Convention a pleasant and profitable one.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of this resolution.

BELLE C. HARRIS.

JENNIE E. BESACK.

MARY C. STEWART.

HATTIE S. COULTER.

Committee.

The report of the Committee was accepted, and it was moved by Mrs. Seeds, and seconded by Mrs. Lovelace, that the resolutions be acted upon separately. Carried.

Resolution No. 1.

Moved by Mrs. Casey, of Larned, seconded by Mrs. James, of Hutchinson, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 2.

Mrs. Seeds of Abilene moved and Mrs. McCallis seconded the motion that the resolution be not adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 3.

Moved by Mrs. Halsey and seconded by Mrs. Lanning that the resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolutions Nos. 4 and 5.

It was moved by Mrs. Sheppard, of Wichita, that these resolutions be adopted by a rising vote. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mrs. Casey, of Larned, seconded by Mrs. Marsh, that the report of the Committee be accepted as a whole. Motion carried.

Business was suspended to admit Comrade Darragh, an old veteran who only wanted to look in on the Convention and say: "God bless you all."

After the Conductor had escorted the Comrade to the door, the roll was called, 222 answering to their names.

The Department President announced that the Convention would now proceed with the election, and that nominations were in order for Senior Vice President.

Mary C. Stewart of Corps No. 71, was nominated by Mrs. Romance Dougherty of Corps No. 71. Nomination seconded by Mrs. Lovelace.

Georgiana Edwards of Corps No. 71 was nominated by Mrs. Simpson of McPherson. Nomination seconded by Mrs. Jeffers of Belle Plain.

Mrs. Besack nominated Mrs. Julia Campbell, which received many seconds. Mrs. Campbell positively declined.

Mrs. Lapham nominated Mrs. McCarthy, who declined.

Mrs. Volk nominated Mrs. Seeds, who also declined.

The ballot was taken resulting:

Stewart	149
Edwards	26
Campbell	21
Seeds	3
Lapham	1
Blank	5

Total vote . 205

Mrs. Stewart having received a majority was declared elected, and presented to the Convention, thanking them for the favor and promising to truly serve the Woman's Relief Corps.

Comrade Ward was here admitted to invite the Woman's Relief Corps to the installation of the Grand Army officers at 2 p. m.

Moved by Mrs. Lapham and seconded by Mrs. Myers, that the invitation be received with thanks.

Judge Cunningham, who was with Comrade Ward, wished to state the feeling of "the boys" in his place, that they could "die more than once to have the devotion of the Woman's Relief Corps to the soldiers."

After the Comrades had retired nominations for Junior Vice President were called for.

Mrs. Marsh of Manhattan, nominated Mrs. Anna Guthrie of Arkansas City. Seconded by the Third district.

Mrs. Dora Silver, of Ellsworth, was nominated by Mrs. Swinburn. Mrs. Volk seconded the nomination.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Guthrie	99
Silver	84
Ranney	11
Campbell	1

Total vote . 195

Mrs. Anna Guthrie was declared elected and promised the Convention her speech at the close of the year.

Nominations for Treasurer were in order, and Mrs. Bennett of Concordia, placed in nomination Mrs. Evalyn Bradford, the

present Treasurer. Nomination seconded by Mrs. Volk, Corps 61 and others.

Mrs. Newman of Burlingame was nominated by Mrs. Hulz, of Corps 33. Lyndon Corps 140 seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Chloe Leland, on behalf of Corps 190, nominated Mrs. Helen Edwards of Troy. Corps Nos. 9, 75 and 145 seconded the nomination.

The result of the ballot was as follows:

Bradford	124
Edwards	49
Newman	21

Total vote . 194

Mrs. Edwards asked the Convention to make the election of Mrs. Bradford unanimous; and it was moved and carried that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Convention for Mrs. Bradford, which was done and Mrs. Bradford declared elected.

Convention adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order at 2 p. m. Conductors reported all present as having the proper password of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The following communication was read:

NEWTON, KANSAS, Feb. 1894.

To the Tenth Annual Convention of Department of Kansas now in session:

As delegates from Washington Corps No. 9 Woman's Relief Corps of Lawrence, Kansas, we extend a hearty invitation to this Convention to come to Lawrence next year, for the Eleventh Annual Convention. We will try and make you comfortable, and do all in our power for your happiness during the Convention.

MRS. EMILY J. MOYES, *President*.

MRS. JULIA GILL, *Delegate*.

MRS. CORNELIA DEERING, *Delegate*.

Mrs. Sheppard of Wichita moved and Mrs. Alrich of Cawker seconded the motion, that we show our acceptance of the invitation by a rising vote. Unanimously carried.

As Mrs. Anna Heacock of Parsons was the only one nominated for Chaplain, it was moved by Mrs. Belle C. Harris, and seconded by Mrs. Seeds, that we elect by acclamation. Carried. The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Anna Heacock as Department Chaplain, and she was declared elected.

Mrs. Heacock was presented and stated that she fully appreciated the compliment.

To those who were not present we will state that this lady belongs to Corps 76, Parsons, where there is no Post; it having disbanded because of too few soldiers to attend it; but the Corps still lives and works.

Mrs. Alrich having been given permission to speak, asked support for a motion as follows: That in appreciation of the earnest, faithful work of the Department President, Mrs. Lucy Reed Jones, during the past year, that she be named as Chairman of the Executive Board; also that the ballot be dispensed with and that she be elected by acclamation.

Mrs. Maggie Wood of Corps 174, seconded the nomination for the Sixth District.

Mrs. Volk stated, if in order she would like to second the motion in behalf of all the Corps that the Department President had visited and encouraged during the past year. Motion carried.

Secretary instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention and Mrs. Lucy Reed Jones declared elected Chairman of the Executive Board.

A committee was announced from the G. A. R. to escort the Woman's Relief Corps to their installation.

It was moved by Mrs. Alrich and unanimously seconded that we invite the G. A. R. to witness our installation at 5 p. m. instead of adjourning then. Motion carried.

Discussion as to manner of electing the remainder of the Executive Board. Counselor Ida W. Moore recommended that

nominations for each place be received separately.

Mrs. Sheppard moved that we proceed to nominate for the second member of the board. Motion seconded and the ballot resulted as follows: Campbell, 49; Alrich, 38; Seeds, 35; Chapman, 14; Lapham, 6; James, 6. Mrs. Campbell was declared elected.

Nominations were made for the third member and the ballot resulted as follows: Alrich, 73; Seeds, 63; James, 2; Harris, 2; blank, 3. Mrs. Alrich was declared elected.

Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Seeds and Mrs. Griffith were nominated for the fourth place and the tellers reported the ballot as follows: Chapman, 72; Seeds, 54; Griffith, 20; Moore, 1; Lund, 1. Mrs. Chapman was declared elected.

Mrs. Seeds and Mrs. Simpson were placed in nomination for the fifth place and the ballot was: Seeds, 121; Simpson, 25; Moore, 1; Lund, 1. Mrs. Seeds was declared elected.

Adjutant General A. B. Campbell, Senior Vice Commander T. B. Gerow, Quartermaster Eastman and Past Adj. Gen. Gray were announced and presented to the Convention. They spoke as follows:

A. B. Campbell: "It has been the ardent desire of my heart to visit the Woman's Relief Corps, but I have been kept busy at my desk until now. If one thinks it is hard to get along with you, I tell them it is harder to get along without you. Aid us as you have in the past in the great struggle to maintain the honor of the Union soldiers."

T. B. Gerow: "I bring a message from my wife, who is detained at home by sickness, and claim kindred here in the ties of F., C. and L. The Woman's Relief Corps is the largest society in the world for the principles of F., C. and L., and the only auxiliary to the G. A. R. I admire it more than any other society."

Past Adj. Gen. Gray: "*Women* of the W. R. C. I like the name of *women*. Continue your support, love and devotion to your organization. The National officers will stand by the only auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. America is felic-

itous in its women."

Eastman: "I am here by accident, but want to say that the W. R. C. is the strong right arm of the G. A. R."

The Department President said that she could not make a pretty speech at this time, as we had had so many visitors she had exhausted her supply of pretty things, but she could assure them of the loyal support of the Woman's Relief Corps; and bade Comrade Gerow carry the love of the Convention to Mrs. Gerow, and our best wishes for her speedy recovery.

The Comrades then retired and business was resumed.

It was moved and seconded that we proceed at once to installation of officers, and keep our promise with the Comrades.

Installation was declared the next order of business and the Comrades admitted. Mrs. Belle C. Harris acted as Installing Officer and Mrs. Julia McCarthy as Conductor, when the following were installed:

Department President—Mrs. Edith M. Wood.

Senior Vice President—Mrs. Mary C. Stewart.

Junior Vice President--Mrs. Anna M. Guthrie.

Treasurer—Mrs. Evalyn Bradford.

Chaplain—Mrs. Anna Heacock.

Department Council:

Mrs. Lucy Reed Jones, Chairman.

Mrs. Julia A. Campbell,

Mrs. Emma B. Alrich,

Mrs. Anna Chapman,

Mrs. Alice M. Seeds.

The Comrades retired and business resumed.

Mrs. Harris moved that the retiring officers finish up the business of the Convention. Motion seconded and carried.

Nominations were called for Delegate at Large. Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Volk were nominated, and Mrs. Marsh declared elected.

Moved by Mrs. McCarthy and seconded by Mrs. Bradford that the ballot be dispensed with and the remainder elected by acclamation. Carried.

Mrs. Volk of Topeka was declared elected as second dele-

gate and Mrs. Allen of Oberlin as third delegate.

Business was suspended to admit the newly elected Department Commander, W. P. Campbell of Wichita, accompanied by Comrades Griffith, Edwards and Murray.

Department Commander Campbell vowed his allegiance to the one and only auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic thus: "I certainly esteem it a very high privilege to meet such a body of women; all are happy here, and also wish to set one question at rest in such language that it needs no interpretation. The Woman's Relief Corps is the only auxiliary of the G. A. R., and is the greatest organization on earth for benevolence, loyalty, patriotism and individual work of members. I take off my hat when the Woman's Relief Corps is mentioned, and am at her service for all in my power on all occasions. The Woman's Relief Corps are open faced, honest, loyal women, and the difference between the Woman's Relief Corps and others is, we court others in poetry and the Woman's Relief Corps in prose—give them our heart."

Chaplain Murray, an old veteran, said that he would take but a few minutes as supper was ready and there would be trouble somewhere. He was captured by a woman forty years ago up in Michigan and they hoped to walk in the future as in the past together, to stand up for the flag and our government. The teachings of the Woman's Relief Corps beats West Point all to pieces. Those who have had that teaching sometimes leave the flag, but mothers' teachings never leave the children.

Mrs. Lucy Reed Jones responded that she was sorry they came so late, as some of the members had left, but she wished to assure them of the fidelity of the Woman's Relief Corps, and of our love and loyalty to the veterans. They then retired.

Business was resumed and the committee for the report of the Delegate at Large appeared and recommended that the report be condensed for publication.

Moved by Mrs. Seeds, seconded by Mrs. Ranney, that the recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bradford, Chairman of the committee that visited the Ladies of the G. A. R., reported that they were the only com-

mittee who had ever visited the Order officially, and were very kindly received.

Moved and carried to remain in session until all business was finished. Convention proceeded with the nomination and election of delegates and alternates to the National Convention, electing by acclamation.

Alternate at Large, Mrs. Heiser; Second alternate, Mrs. Griffith; third alternate, Mrs. Drone. -

The First district nominated Mrs. Fuller as delegate and Mrs. Sanborn as alternate.

The Second district nominated Mrs. Thrasher as delegate and Mrs. Dailey as alternate.

The Third district nominated Mrs. Hulse as delegate and Mrs. Platt as alternate.

The Fourth district nominated Mrs. Coulter as delegate and Mrs. Bear as alternate.

The Fifth District nominated Mrs. Fletcher as delegate and Mrs. Clemens as alternate.

The Sixth district nominated Mrs. Narcissa Hill as delegate and Mrs. Robinson as alternate.

The Seventh district nominated Mrs. McCarthy as delegate and Mrs. Knapp as alternate.

The following was declared the result of the election:

Delegate at Large—Mrs. Jennie Marsh, Manhattan. ✓

Delegates:

Mrs. Nellie Volk of 94, Topeka.

“ Mary Allen of 183, Oberlin.

“ E. Fuller

“ Amanda Thrasher of 145, Iola.

“ Sarah Hulse of 33, Osage City.

“ Hattie S. Coulter of 94, Topeka. ✓

“ Cassie E. Fletcher of 10, Clay Center.

“ Narcissa Hill of 52, Beloit.

“ Julia McCarthy of 62, Larned.

Alternate at Large—Mrs. Kate Heiser of 84, Cherryvale.

Alternates:

Mrs. Margaret Griffith of 70, Emporia.

- " E. A. Drone of Bonner Springs. ✓
- " Fannie Sanborn of 48, Atchison.
- " M. Dailey. *Strong Hill*. ✓
- " Julia Platt.
- " Mattie Bear of 191, Emporia.
- " Helen I. Clemens of 6, Junction City.
- " Robinson of 130, Mankato.
- " Knapp.

The Counselor opened the Query Box, and after answering a few questions it was moved and carried that she take the unanswered questions and prepare answers to same for publication in the minutes of the Convention.

Moved by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Moore, that the outgoing President and Secretary prepare the minutes of the Convention for publication.

Mrs. Moore stated that one question, or petition, was in the box that she would like the Convention to act upon, viz: A petition that the delegates to the National Convention be instructed to present a resolution from this Convention, of the Department of Kansas, requesting that all members of the Grand Army of the Republic be admitted to the Woman's Relief Corps as its honorary members. The petition was signed by the following Corps:

- Reynolds No. 8, Cawker City.
- E. E. Ellsworth No. 12, Ellsworth.
- Reno No. 25, Nickerson.
- Garfield No. 40, Wichita.
- Beloit No. 52, Beloit.
- W. T. Sherman No. 74, Concordia.
- Severance No. 75, Severance.
- Stephenson No. 89, Sedgwick.
- Vance No. 100, Hays City.
- E. D. Baker No. 102, Baldwin.
- J. B. McPherson No. 110, McPherson.
- C. E. Warriner No. 115, Valley Center.
- Upton No. 131, Caldwell.
- Kennedy No. 190, Troy.

John Tremont No. 230, Nonchalanta.

The petition was unanimously adopted as expressive of the sentiment of the Tenth Annual Convention and a committee appointed consisting of Mrs. Polly Young, Wichita; Mrs. Belle C. Harris, Emporia; and Mrs. Nellie Volk, Topeka, to see that the delegates be furnished with the proper resolutions to present to the National Convention.

Mrs. Moore moved that one copy of the minutes of the Convention be sent to each voting member and two copies to each Corps. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. McCarthy moved that the minutes of the last session be left to the retiring Council for approval. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Volk moved that a vote of thanks be extended by this Convention to the retiring officers for their faithful work of the past year. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Tenth Annual Convention of the Department of Kansas Woman's Relief Corps was declared closed in due form.

LUCY REED JONES,

ATTEST:

Department President.

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

Query Box.

The following are the opinions on questions taken from the Query Box:

Question 1: When the President of a Corps moves away, and the Senior Vice cannot fill the office, and the Junior Vice is not so situated that she can, what is to be done?

Answer: Corps may fill any vacancies in their elective offices in the manner prescribed in Rules and Regulations, Chap. II, Article VII, Section 5.

Question 2: A Corps having disbanded and the Past Presidents having transfer cards to other Corps, are they entitled to vote in Department Convention with the Corps they have joined?

Answer: Yes, by virtue of being Past Presidents.

Question 3: Can a Corps grant an honorable discharge to a dropped member without being reinstated as prescribed in R. and R.?

Answer: No.

Question 4: Has a Corps a right to elect for delegates and alternates, members who do not attend meetings twice a year, but keep their dues paid?

Answer: Yes; every member in good standing is eligible to any office.

Question 5: Is it necessary for a Corps Treasurer to make a report of the finances at every meeting, when the Corps meets twice a week?

Answer: Yes. See page 82 of the Red Book.

Question 6: If the elected delegate and alternate cannot attend the Convention, what should be done?

Answer: If neither delegate nor alternate can attend Convention, they should resign their offices as delegate and alternate. The vacancies thus made may be filled in the manner prescribed in R. and R., Chap. II, Art. VII, Sec. 5.

Question 7: Is a candidate legally elected where there were eleven balls cast, two of which were black?

Answer: Yes; see Chap. II, Art. II, Sec. 4 of R. and R.

Question 8: Is it necessary to have the Chaplain's prayer before installation?

Answer: It is so given in the Service Book and we must follow that.

Question 9: When a Corps unanimously votes that an order be drawn on the Treasurer, and the Secretary and President fail to have the order filled out in proper time for the use the money was intended for, should the Treasurer pay the money when called upon?

Answer: No. The Treasurer disburses no moneys except upon regularly drawn orders.

Question 10: If the specified time of Corps meetings is 2:30 o'clock, can a President call the meeting to order at 2 o'clock and transact legal business?

Answer: A President has no power to call the Corps to order and transact business before the specified hour of meeting.

Question 11: Will you please explain how different Corps can charge different prices for initiation fees?

Answer: R. and R. say "The initiation fee shall not be less than one dollar." Corps may charge more, but not less. Thus some Corps may charge \$1.00, and others \$1.25 or more.

Question 12: A member having been dropped for non-payment of dues, how can she be admitted to another Corps?

Answer: A careful study of R. and R., Chap. V, Art. IV, Sec. 2, will explain this matter clearly.

Question 13: How shall the books show that they have been audited by the Finance Committee?

Answer: The Finance Committee audit the books each quarter and then affix their signatures.

Question 14: Should a member admitted by transfer pay dues from the time the card was accepted or from time of initiation?

Answer: From time of initiation.

Question 15: Is it proper for the white Corps to attend meetings of the colored Corps and assist them in their work?

Answer: Yes, certainly. Help them all you can.

Question 16: Has the Installing Officer a right to demand of the Conductor privately whom she was going to appoint as Assistant Conductor and then refuse to install her?

Answer: No. If the newly installed President approves the appointment of Assistant Conductor, the Installing Officer has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Question 17: Can a Corps President or Chairman of Relief Committee, use the General Fund for the relief of persons not relatives of the Union soldier, and then present the bill to the Corps?

Answer: No.

Question 18: Can a Corps President appoint committees to do general relief work for others than Union soldiers and their dependent ones?

Answer: No. See Red Book pages 165 and 85.

Question 19: In remitting a member's dues in the Corps is the money taken from the Relief or General Fund?

Answer: General Fund.

Question 20: Can a Corps that is short of funds in General Fund, vote a part of their Relief Fund to the General Fund?

Answer: No.

Question 21: Can a member out on Transfer who has neither Department or National Password visit a Corps?

Answer: No.

Question 22: Are all members obligated to vote either for or against a motion?

Answer: All members should vote unless excused by a vote of the Corps.

Question 23: After Inspection where are the blanks sent, to Headquarters or Corps?

Answer: One blank is sent to the Department Inspector

and one to Headquarters.

Question 24: Is it right for an Investigating Committee to sign an application after having reported unfavorably to the Corps?

Answer: The Investigating Committee sign the report, thus reporting either favorably or unfavorably. The report must be signed by the committee.

Question 25: Where can the music of the Opening Ode be secured?

Answer: From the Department Treasurer.

Question 26: When does the title of Past President expire?

Answer: When her membership in the Woman's Relief Corps ceases.

Question 27: Should a Corps Treasurer be required to write all receipts in the Corps room?

Answer: No.

Question 28: What will be done with Corps reporting no Posts?

Answer: All possible aid and encouragement should be given them, thus enabling them to continue in the noble work of our Order.

Question 29: Would it be right to report as charter members the names of parties who never became members of the Corps?

Answer: No.

Question 30: In the absence of the President the Senior Vice President takes her chair, who then fills the Sen. Vice's chair?

Answer: The Junior Vice President.

Question 31: Are members out on transfer entitled to pass words?

Answer: No.

Question 32: If a lady has been duly initiated and holds office in the W. R. C., having paid her fees and dues in advance,

but afterwards it transpires that the Charter was not present at the time of said initiation, the meetings having been held at private houses, does it exclude said lady from the W. R. C.?

Answer: No. The lady is a legal member.

Question 33: Does Charter have to be in the room at Installation to make it legal?

Answer: No.

Question 34: Is a meeting legal held without a charter in the room?

Answer: Yes.

The questions numbered 32, 33 and 34 were submitted to the National President for an official decision, and the following is her official decision:

"When a Corps is instituted and the officers installed, the Charter has not been received by the Corps. Frequently public installations of Post and Corps (jointly) are held for convenience in large halls, and the Charters of neither Post nor Corps are in the room. This does not in any sense invalidate the meetings or installation."

Question 35: When the Corps Treasurer is absent from the Corps, can the one who fills her chair give a legal receipt, as the elected Treasurer is under bond?

Answer: A Corps Treasurer usually objects to any one either giving receipts out of her book or making entries in her books, as she is under bond. A good plan to pursue is for the Treasurer pro tem to make a list of all monies received, giving receipts on slips of paper, and then turn the list and money to the Treasurer, who will make and give regular receipts.

Question 36: When the chairman of a delegation is absent who fills her place, the next delegate or her alternate?

Answer: The first alternate fills the first vacancy.

Question 37: Is the endorsement on the back of the order to pay, a sufficient receipt for the Treasurer, or does she have to have an additional receipt?

Answer: The endorsement on the back is a sufficient receipt.

Question 38: Can a Corps vote to admit a member with a child under five years old?

Answer: Children over two years old cannot be admitted to the Corps room.

Question 39: Is it proper for the retiring President, not a Past President, to act as Installing Officer for the officers elect of her Corps?

Answer: This question was submitted to the National President, who gave the following answer: "Such installation would not be illegal, but it is always better to have some other installing officer than the retiring President."

Respectfully submitted.

IDA WILSON MOORE,

Department Counselor.

Minutes of First Council Meeting.

PITTSBURG, KANSAS, Feb. 23, 1893.

The first meeting of the newly elected Council took place at Hotel Stillwell in Pittsburg at 10 p. m. Meeting called to order by Department President, Mrs. Lucy R. Jones.

The following members were present: Department President, Lucy R. Jones; Senior Vice President, Edith M. Wood; Junior Vice President, Allie Myers; Treasurer, Evalyn Bradford; Chaplain, E. E. Ranney; Counselor, Ida W. Moore; Inspector, Julia A. Campbell; I. & I. Officer, Julia McCarthy; Executive Board—May Lapham, Alice M. Seeds, Emma B. Alrich, Jennie E. Besack, Mattie Leland.

The Executive Board having been in session made the following report: Secretary of Board, Mattie Leland; Auditing Committee, May E. Lapham, Jennie E. Besack and Emma B. Alrich.

Report was received and action approved.

Moved by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mrs. McCarthy, that inasmuch as the National President is a member of our Department, that the Department President have the privilege to make the necessary arrangements at once for Department Headquarters at National Convention in Indianapolis at same hotel with National Headquarters. Motion carried.

Moved by Miss Myers, seconded by Mrs. Wood, that each member of the Council be responsible for fifty sunflowers for decorating purposes at Department and National Headquarters, and also for sale. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Lapham, that the Secretary extend a vote of thanks to Corps 44, 190 and 63, and the Fifth district reunion, for decorating National Senior Vice President's and Department Headquarters cars at Washington. Motion carried.

The Secretary, in behalf of the Manhattan delegation, extend-

ed a cordial invitation to the Executive Board to meet with them during this year.

Moved by Mrs. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lapham, that the invitation be received with thanks, and if necessary to call a meeting during the year and it is practicable to meet there, that the invitation be accepted. Motion carried.

No further business, Council adjourned.

ALICE M. SEEDS, *Secretary*.

Second Council Meeting.

NEWTON, KANSAS, February 2, 1894.

The second Council meeting convened at the Arcade hotel at 8 p. m.

Meeting called to order by the Department President, Mrs. Lucy Reed Jones. The following members were present: Department President, Lucy Reed Jones; Secretary, Lulu D. Jones; Treasurer, Evalyn Bradford; Chaplain, E. E. Ranney; Counselor, Ida W. Moore; Inspector, Julia A. Campbell; Instituting and Installing Officer, Julia McCarthy; Executive Board—Alice M. Seeds, May Lapham, Emma B. Alrich, Jennie E. Besack, Mattie Leland.

The minutes of the first Council meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The report of the Executive Board was called for and further time granted them to prepare their report.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned until Wednesday.

LULU D. JONES,
Department Secretary.

Third Council Meeting.

NEWTON, KANSAS, FEBRUARY 21, 1894.

Meeting called to order by Department President, Lucy Reed Jones. All present except the Junior Vice President, Miss Allie Myers.

Minutes of second Council meeting read and approved.

The Chairman of the Executive Board, Mrs. Alice M. Seeds, presented the following report of the work accomplished during the year:

Mrs. President, and Members of the Department Council:

In compliance with Rules and Regulations I have the honor to present to you, and through you to the Tenth Department Convention, my report as Chairman of the Executive Board.

The duties of the position to which I was elected at the Ninth Department Convention at Pittsburg, Kansas, have not been arduous, as few points of business have been submitted for our consideration. Our first meeting was held Feb. 23, 1893, at Pittsburg, Kansas, and the business transacted is embodied in the following minutes:

PITTSBURG, KANSAS, Feb. 23, 1894.

The newly elected Executive Board met at Hotel Stillwell, 9 p. m., the following members being present: Alice M. Seeds, Chairman; May Lapham, Emma B. Alrich, Jennie E. Besack and Mattie Leland.

Mrs. Leland was appointed Secretary of the Board.

Moved by Mrs. Besack, seconded by Mrs. Alrich, that the Chairman appoint the Auditing Committee; carried. The following committee was appointed: Mrs. Lapham, Chairman; Mrs. Alrich and Mrs. Besack.

No further business, Board adjourned.

MATTIE LELAND, *Secretary*.

NEWTON, KANSAS, Feb. 20, 1894.

The Executive Board in compliance with the call of the

Chairman, met in session at the Arcade hotel. All members present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following report of the Auditing Committee was read by its Chairman, Mrs. May Lapham, and report accepted:

NEWTON, KANSAS, Feb. 20, 1894.

MRS. ALICE M. SEEDS,

Chairman Executive Board:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

We have met three times during the year and have thoroughly examined the books of Secretary and Treasurer, and have found them models of neatness, with but few corrections necessary. We found the treasury in the following condition at close of work, Feb. 10:

Amount in General Fund.....	\$862 69
Amount in Relief Fund.....	242 06 $\frac{3}{4}$
Amount in special funds.....	140 70

Total cash on hand.....\$1245 45 $\frac{3}{4}$

The committee are under obligations for courtesies shown during the meetings to Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Chapman and Comrade Scott of Concordia; and to Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Kimball, and the ladies of Manhattan Corps. We also had the pleasure, in company with other Department Officers, of visiting the Manhattan Corps in session, and enjoyed a Camp Fire of Post and Corps in the evening.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

MAY E. LAPHAM,

JENNIE E. BESACK,

EMMA B. ALRICH,

Auditing Committee.

The Executive Board recommended that the incoming administration fill no orders for supplies unless ordered upon the official requisition blanks procured of Department Treasurer; and the Treasurer be so instructed by this Convention.

No further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.

MATTIE LELAND, *Secretary.*

In closing this report I desire to congratulate our worthy

Department President most heartily upon the prosperous condition of the Department both financially and numerically. She has wisely and judiciously conducted the affairs of the Department and been faithful to the trust committed to her care. To her and the members of this Board my sincere thanks are due for uniform kindness and courtesies extended.

Respectfully submitted.

ALICE M. SEEDS,

Chairman Executive Board.

There being no further business, Council adjourned.

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

Fourth Council Meeting.

NEWTON, KANSAS, Feb. 22, 1894.

Council convened at 9 p. m. Called to order by Department President.

The Council admitted Mrs. Wickers of Madison, who had a plea to present to the Council that it provide for the payment of the mortgage debt upon the home of a Mrs. Godfrey of Madison, who is a soldier's widow, also an army nurse and is now in need. After stating her case she retired.

Mrs. Moore moved that the incoming Department President be instructed to investigate this case and with her council take any steps deemed advisable. Mrs. Ranney seconded the motion. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Wood, that the retiring President and Secretary mail the Journals from Norton. Carried.

The minutes of Thursday's Convention session read and approved as corrected.

Moved by Mrs. Bradford that where Corps are organized, which, in the judgment of the Department President cannot afford to purchase the necessary supplies, or Corps lose supplies by accident and feel that they cannot buy new supplies, such Corps be furnished with supplies from surrendered Corps free of charge. Seconded by Mrs. McCarthy. Carried.

Mrs. McCarthy moved that the Department President, with the consent of her council, be instructed to send \$10 to Mrs. Ella Powell to be used in purchasing flowers and delicacies for Corporal Tanner as a token of the respect and veneration in which he is held by the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Lapham seconded the motion. Carried.

Mrs. Campbell moved that \$5 be sent to Mrs. Louise Robins for the National Council of Women's fund. Seconded by Mrs.

Seeds. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Lapham, that the bills of this Convention be allowed. Carried.

No further business, Council adjourned.

LULU D. JONES,

Dep't Sec'y.

Greetings Extended.

TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

HON. BERNARD KELLY,

Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Kansas:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADES:—The Kansas Department of the Woman's Relief Corps, in its Tenth Annual Convention assembled, sends fraternal greetings to the Kansas Department of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled in its Twelfth Annual Encampment, and expresses the wish that this may be one of the very pleasantest gatherings your grand Order has ever enjoyed.

The following results are submitted to you as a showing of the work accomplished during the past year and the present healthy condition of our Department:

No. of Corps.....	257
No. of members.....	7,157
Total gain in Corps.....	9
Amount expended for relief.....	\$2,916 92
Amount expended other than money..	2,084 53
Amount turned over to Posts.....	1,443 85
Cash expended by Department for Relief.....	165 00

Total amount expended.....\$6,610 30

The Department is entirely free from debt, with a balance on hand in all its funds of \$1,245.45 which does not include a cent held for unfilled requisitions.

A very great work of relief in way of kind ministrations to wants of the poor and needy families of soldiers, which have values that cannot enter into estimation dollars and cents, have been performed.

Again we renew our pledges of love and loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic, and express our appreciation of

the relation we sustain as an auxiliary organization.

Our highest ambition is to merit this truly complimentary recognition.

We very cheerfully await an expression of your desires as to any work we can render in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the old soldiers whose valor and chivalry shall ever be kept green in sweetest memories.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

Presented by { JULIA CAMPBELL,
IDA W. MOORE,
EMMA B. ALRICH,
EDITH M. WOOD,
Committee.

TO THE SONS OF VETERANS.

COLONEL W. Y. MORGAN,

*Commander of Kansas Division Sons of Veterans U. S.
A.:*

In behalf of the Kansas Department of the Woman's Relief Corps, now assembled in its Tenth Annual Convention, I extend greetings. We recognize you as the sons of that grand soldiery, whose inspiration was the music of the Union; and that your object in common with that of the Woman's Relief Corps, is to keep alive the memory of their services. We believe that the spirit of loyalty to duty, to country, and good citizenship which animated your soldier fathers has entered into your lives and purposes, prompting you to perpetuate the blessings which their unselfish devotion has secured us.

May your Encampment sessions be pleasant and profitable, inspiring new zeal for your noble Order, and may the measure

of your aim and object be the measure of your growth and prosperity.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

Presented by { LULU D. JONES,
ALICE M. SEEDS,
DORA A. WIERMAN,
FRANCES H. LUND,
Committee.

TO THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

MRS. BELLE LABAR HARBAUGH,

*President of the Kansas Division Ladies' Aid Society,
Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans.*

The Kansas Department of the Woman's Relief Corps, in its Tenth Annual Convention assembled, sends greetings to the Kansas Division of the Ladies' Aid Society, and expresses the wish that this, its Fourth Annual Convention may be marked for its harmony and success. The relations which we respectively sustain to the Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic, gives us a sympathy and kinship which inspires kindest feelings. May growth and prosperity attend your Order to the extent of making it a power for good.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

Presented by { MATTIE LELAND,
HATTIE BRICK,
E. E. RANNEY,
JANE M. GRIMES,
Committee.

TO THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

MRS. EMMA B. DALTON,

President of the Kansas Ladies of the G. A. R.

The Kansas Department of the Woman's Relief Corps, in its

Tenth Annual Convention assembled, acknowledges the receipt of greetings and well wishes from the Ladies of the G. A. R. of Kansas. Please accept assurance that they were duly appreciated, and that you have our kindest wishes for a pleasant Convention.

Sincerely,

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

Presented by { EVALYN BRADFORD,
FRANCES H. LUND,
MAGGIE R. WOOD,
Committee.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

NORTON, KANSAS, MARCH 8, 1893.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 1. }

I.—The Ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, Woman's Relief Corps, held at Pittsburg February 21, 22 and 23, 1893, having elected me and caused my installation as President for the ensuing year, I have assumed command and established headquarters at Norton, Kansas.

II.—The following additional officers for the ensuing year have been duly elected or appointed, as the case required, and installed, and will be recognized and obeyed accordingly, viz:

Mrs. Edith M. Wood, Senior Vice President, Pittsburg.
 Miss Allie Myers, Junior Vice President, Olathe.
 Miss Lulu D. Jones, Secretary, Norton.
 Mrs. Evalyn Bradford, Treasurer, Concordia.
 Mrs. E. E. Ranney, Chaplain, Burlington.
 Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, Counselor, Abilene.
 Mrs. Julia Campbell, Inspector, Hutchinson.
 Mrs. Julia McCarthy, Instituting and Installing Officer,
 Larned.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:—

Mrs. Alice M. Seeds, Abilene.
 Mrs. May Lapham, Herington.
 Mrs. Emma B. Alrich, Cawker City.
 Mrs. Jennie Besack, Washington.
 Mrs. Mattie Leland, Troy.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:—

Mrs. May Lapham, Herington.
 Mrs. Emma B. Alrich, Cawker City.
 Mrs. Jennie Besack, Washington.

III.—Blanks for quarterly reports of Corps Secretaries and Treasurers accompany these orders. Corps Presidents should see that they are duly filled out and, with the per capita tax, mailed so as to reach these Headquarters not later than April 5th, 1893. Please have same prepared in a careful, legible hand,

to avoid mistakes in transcribing. Names familiar in the Corps are likely not to be so at Headquarters.

IV.—All communications seeking information as to condition of Corps at Headquarters and all quarterly reports, per capita tax, and charter fees must be mailed to Department Secretary, Lulu D. Jones, Norton.

V.—Per capita tax, charter fees and all moneys for supplies should be remitted in form of bank drafts, money orders or express orders, payable to order of Evalyn Bradford, Treasurer Kansas Department, W. R. C., Concordia, Kansas. All blanks for requisitions and relief report to Posts, must be obtained from the Treasurer, Mrs. Evalyn Bradford.

VI.—In all correspondence with Headquarters please be careful in the address of the same. It will be so easy, by a little carelessness, for the name Norton to bear resemblance to Horton, Morton or Newton, and thus cause miscarriage of letters and consequent delays.

VII.—The Department Password for the ensuing year is herewith promulgated in cipher. Corps Presidents will please see that the same is at once given to members of their respective Corps entitled to it. The officer presiding at the Corps can impart the password to members present entitled to same.

VIII.—All orders emanating from National and Department Headquarters should be carefully read at the first Corps meeting after their receipt. I regret that disposition exists to slight this duty. The effort is to embody useful information in these orders. Sisters: the only effectual way to give life, activity and growth to the Corps is to keep posted with the working of our order and acquaint yourselves with our constitution, rules and regulations, and ritualistic work. Conduct the affairs of the Corps on business principles, and the inspiration of our mission will abide with you, leading to higher endeavors and grander accomplishments. All Corps not supplied with the new rituals should procure same at once and destroy your old rituals. Do not neglect this matter.

IX.—It has come to the knowledge of the Department President that some Corps have fallen into the neglect of having

their charter absent at their meetings. Do not attempt to do business without the presence of the charter: without it all business is null and void.

X.—The following appointment of Aides to the Department President are hereby made:

Chief of Staff—Corilla Bridegroom, No. 149, Norton.

Chief of Aides—Mary B. Allen, No. 183 Oberlin.

Aides:—

J. M. Kemp, 139 Cherokee.

Hattie Walser, 76 Parsons.

M. E. Fuller, 84 Cherryvale.

Jennie R. Marsh, 43 Manhattan.

Carrie B. Straight, 4 Paola.

Hannah M. Dow, 26 Colby.

Dora A. Wierman, 77 Wamego.

Melissa Sprague, 126 Russell.

L. C. Arnold, 5 Topeka.

Florence Pickens, 6 Junction City.

Hattie E. Riley, 7 Eldorado.

Emma Noyes, 9 Lawrence.

Mary A. Bryant, 11 Fort Scott.

Mattie Seeley, 12 Ellsworth.

Eliza J. Sopher, 55 Neodesha.

Lottie McQuary, 100 Hays City.

Anna E. Rakestraw, 51 Salina.

Katie M. Debit, 72 Council Grove.

Sue Itson, 102 Atchison.

Anna Palmer, 38 Burlington.

Mary Pinkham, 125 Solomon City.

Edith N. Gibson, 140 Wa Keeney.

Emily McDowell, 158 Lone Elm.

Mrs. W. H. Clark, 171 Coffeyville.

Myrtle Simmons, 208 Wellington.

Fanny G. Thornton, 231 Glen Elder.

Allie Hubbell, 36 Howard City.

Nellie Miller, 237 Sterling.

Lena Gates, 241 La Crosse.

Nora Forney, 141 Belle Plain.
Adah Clark, 189 Sedan.
Etta Burnap, 162 Almena.
Fannie Dickey, 161 Goodland.
Anna H. Chapman, 74 Concordia.

Special Aides:

Romance Dougherty, 71 Newton.
Sarah Carter, 31 Columbus.
Helena Mason, 40 Wichita.
Belle C. Reid, 97 Grenola.
Agnes James, 111 Hutchinson.
Maggie R. Wood, 189 Burr Oak.
Julia A. Chase, 42 Hiawatha.

I wish to thank my sisters for the honor they have conferred upon me. I fully realize the responsible position in which I am placed, and feel that I shall need the generous support and hearty cooperation of each individual member of the Department to enable us to have a prosperous year. Knowing that "In union is strength," I earnestly hope the coming year will be one of united effort for the advancement of our noble order.

By command of

LUCY REED JONES,

LULU D. JONES,

Department President.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

NORTON, KANSAS, March 30, 1893.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 2. }

I.—The following are the decisions made by the Ninth Annual Convention of the Department of Kansas Woman's Relief Corps. They should be carefully studied for the information given and requirements imposed:

1. That the ratio of representation to Department Convention remain the same, viz: 1 for every 35 members and 1 for the final fraction over half.

2. That the per capita tax remain 8 cents.

3. That Department Instituting and Installing Officer keep a record book, wherein shall be recorded the name, number, date, charter members, and names of Presidents of all Corps organized during her term of office.

4. That the sum of \$105.50, remaining in the treasury from the Cyclone Fund, be placed in the Relief Fund.

5. That only the names of voting members present at the Department Convention appear on the roll in the printed proceedings.

6. That Department Secretary send specimen sheets of our method of book-keeping to each Corps as a guide to Corps Treasurers with the view of establishing a uniform method of keeping books.

7. That at the next Department Convention "Ribbon Badges of Honor" be given by the Department to the members of delegations from Corps which have remitted their per capita tax and quarterly reports in time to be received at Department Headquarters not later than the 6th of the month next following the quarter for which same are required; and which, also, have not suspended a member during the year.

(Note:—Both requirements must be met to obtain the badge.—President.)

8. That the Department Secretary before sending quarterly blanks to Corps shall indicate in red ink on line 15 thereof, the

number noted, as suspended, at last report, which shall stand unchanged as a copy of column 16 on consolidated report of previous quarter.

9. That the Department procure for its Secretary a book in which to transcribe the charter members of old Corps, with the view of keeping a complete record of the same.

10. That this Department's "Design" to be exhibited at the World's Fair, be placed, after its close, in the rotunda of the Capitol at Topeka, Kansas.

(NOTE:—Read Resolution 1 in connection with decision.—President.)

II.—The following resolutions adopted by said Convention are here given because of intelligence therein contained, which Corps ought to have.

1. WHEREAS, A great many members of our Department will be unable to visit the World's Fair;

Resolved, That our World's Fair design be exhibited in Convention Hall at our next Department Convention before being placed in the rotunda of the Capitol at Topeka.

Resolved, That we disapprove of participation in any scheme for either money or merry making upon the 30th day of May.

III.—To save future inquiries I will say that the blanks for relief reports to Post Commanders are not on the freelist. They must be obtained as other supplies, upon requisition from Department Treasurer.

IV.—In defiance of the Rules and Regulations of our Order, and orders emanating from these Headquarters, officers of Corps persist in sending orders for supplies to Department Secretary. As a rule these orders are parts of letters containing much other matter. And even a much more serious and unbusiness-like practice than this is being indulged in, viz: of sending one draft covering per capita tax and order for supplies. It is too well known that no supplies are kept at these Headquarters for such work to be excusable. The Department Secretary is heavily burdened without this imposition of uncalled-for work. Please disabuse your minds of any notion that the position of Department Secretary is a mere sinecure. Seeing the necessity

of some rule of action in this matter we will adhere to the one of promptly returning all such orders and drafts unattended to.

V.—Corps Presidents should give the National password to all members of their respective Corps entitled to same. By doing this these Headquarters will be relieved of having to answer many inquiries for same.

VI.—Attention is called to the proper observance of "Memorial Day." This is one of the declared objects of our order. Corps are earnestly requested to cooperate with Posts, Camps, and Ladies' Aid Societies in decorating the graves of the Union Soldiers. Let all arrangements be amicable and harmonious as is befitting the occasion.

An order more especially directed to this ceremony, which occurs on May 30th next, will be issued about May 1st.

VII.—The position of Aide to the Department President is an important one. To those receiving such appointments, I will say, your duty is to look after, and encourage all Corps, especially the weak Corps, and to do all in your power to organize new Corps where there are none and reorganize old ones whose charters have been surrendered; to communicate with G. A. R. Post Commanders where there are no Corps, and urge upon them the necessity of organizing Corps. Visit Corps where possible. Study the ritual, and Rules and Regulations, and then see that your own Corps, with others you may visit, conform to all requirements therein contained. Report frequently to the Department President the condition and needs of every Corps accessible to you.

VIII.—Word is received that the family of a soldier by the name of Samuel Dale, at Burr Oak Kansas, is in sore distress. Three years ago the wife and mother died. The soldier father is incapacitated by sickness for manual labor. Three children, daughters, aged 14, 18 and 20 years, are lying low with diseases, two with dreaded consumption and one with nervous affection involving heart and brain. These young ladies were hard workers and ambitious to do something in life; they refused all offers of help until disease rendered them helpless.

The Corps and Post, together with the citizens of Burr Oak,

have done and are doing their duty in these premises. That Corps has always responded royally to calls for relief. Sisters, we have a duty to perform; let us prove faithful to it.

I trust Corps and individual members, able to do so, will contribute at once to this worthy object.

This case was inquired into by the outgoing Department Council at Pittsburg, and by it recommended that the present administration render needed assistance.

Make remittances to Evalyn Bradford, Department Treasurer, Concordia, Kansas, that record may be kept by Department.

General Orders Nos. 4 and 5 of National President are herewith promulgated. They should have your careful study.

By order of

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

NORTON, KANSAS, May 1, 1893.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3.

I.—General Orders No. 6 of National President, Margaret R. Wickins, are herewith promulgated. They announce decisions of last National Convention, and should be studied until familiarity with them is acquired.

II.—The following resolutions passed by our last Convention at Pittsburg, reached these Headquarters too late for publication in General Orders No. 2, thus their appearance at this date, viz:

WHEREAS, We highly appreciate the great honor that has been conferred upon the Department by the election of Margaret R. Wickins as National President;

WHEREAS, Knowing her as we do, to be entirely worthy and deserving of this and any additional honors that may be bestowed upon her,

Resolved, That the Corps of this Department be asked to contribute toward the furnishing of a room in the National W. R. C. Home at Madison, Ohio, to be known as the Department of Kansas, Margaret R. Wickins Room.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Department President to correspond with the Secretary of the Home, and that said committee receive and forward contributions, and report the same to next Department Convention.

The committee provided for in the resolutions is composed of Ida C. Martin, Julia McCarthy and Belle C. Harris.

In compliance with their duty said committee has introduced the matter to the Department by a printed circular which is herewith issued. Let us honor ourselves by making prompt and ample provisions for this room.

III.—The promptness with which quarterly reports and per capita tax were remitted for quarter ending March 31st was very commendable indeed. Corps officials have the sincere thanks of Headquarters force for this attention to duty. By reason of the same we are able to report 7117 members in good standing, 340 of which were reinstated from delinquent reports. This is an

unusually large showing at end of quarter. Receipts of many Corps reports, since the closing of consolidated reports by Secretary and Treasurer, have added to this number.

IV.—The following are the Corps from which reports were first received for last quarter:

No. 2 Earlton,	March.	20	No. 149 Norton	March	27
" 78 Formosa	"	"	" 181 Leeds	"	"
" 155 Vilas	"	21	" 216 Riverside	"	"
" 12 Ellsworth	"	22	" 20 Minneapolis	"	"
" 174 Burr Oak	"	24	" 33 Osage City	"	"
" 58 Altamont	"	"	" 47 Collier	"	"
" 65 Douglass	"	27	" 64 Garnett	"	"
" 195 Perth	"	"	" 98 Pittsburg	"	"

V.—The ten Corps making the greatest gain by initiation in last quarter are as follows:

No. 98 Pittsburg	10 members	No. 3 Franklin	6 members
" 247 Greensburg	9	" 62 Lebo	6
" 149 Norton	9	" 92 Argonia	6
" 61 Larned	7	" 111 Hutchinson	6
" 158 Americus	7	" 249 Lecompton	6

VI.—The following are the ten Corps making greatest cash expenditures for relief in last quarter:

No. 70 Emporia	\$42 63	No. 111 Hutchinson	\$23 45
" 105 Iuka	30 00	" 99 Peabody	22 17
" 94 Topeka	27 13	" 230 Nonchalanta	20 40
" 11 Ft. Scott	25 50	" 56 Arkansas City	20 25
" 40 Wichita	25 00	" 48 Clifton	19 90

VII.—The "Red Book" and "Rituals" are still in the hands of the printer. The Department Treasurer will fill orders for same as soon as her requisitions on National Treasurer can be filled, which we hope will be soon.

The August, 1891, revision of the ritual is the latest.

VIII.—The following Corps have been organized by this administration:

No. 255 Plainville by Mrs. M. M. Husted of Codell.

" 256 Lenora by Mrs. Abigail Snow of Norton.

The kind, generous spirit in which Corps have responded

with contributions for the afflicted family of Samuel Dale at Burr Oak, beautifully exemplifies the mystic tie that holds us in Sisterhood. The exercise of benevolence is life and strength to the Corps, and the idea of giving them the opportunity to show this spirit in this case was a happy one. Besides liberal cash remittances to Department Treasurer for this family, many Corps have sent boxes of fruits and delicacies so much appreciated by the sick. Several cash donations have also been made by comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

X.—Corps wishing to obtain W. R. C. flags for marking and decorating graves can procure them from Department Treasurer Evalyn Bradford, Concordia.

XI.—The President has just returned from a pleasant visit with Department Treasurer, where everything pertaining to the duties of her office was found to be in the best business-like condition. She is filling requisitions for supplies as fast as she can get her orders on National Treasurer filled. She fully appreciates the patience shown by the Corps officials in waiting for their supplies.

By order of

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

In Memoriam.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

NORTON, KANSAS, MAY 1, 1893.

The memory of heroic services rendered our country and her institutions, is the Promethian spark that keeps alive the fire of patriotism.

The value we place upon our common heritage of civil and religious liberty can best be estimated by the memory in which its defenders are held.

By the exercise of this memory the germ of loyalty takes deeper root and quickens into new life.

An eminent divine has said, "As certainly as God would let us starve if we did not sow and reap, so certainly will he let us be scourged from the earth if we do not defend the great things he has entrusted to us." And by a parity of reasoning we reach the assurance that to hold in sacred memory the defenders of our Union is a God given sentiment.

With this principle animating our souls, let us approach the 30th day of May, set apart and known as "Decoration Day," with preparations in hand for its proper observance.

"He that gave his life for this country shall never be forgotten," is the sentiment that must remain the corner stone of this Republic. A careless indifference to the memory of lives thus given is the millstone that will grind us to powder.

With this sentiment of honoring the memory of the heroes and veterans who defended our Union blazing as a headlight on the engine drawing our car of State, there would be no need for so many danger-signals at the rear of the car. Then let us decorate, with flags and flowers, these grassy hillocks under which rest our friends, brothers, husbands, fathers, heroes all who loved

their country better than their own pleasures and lives.

"Oh! generous hearts! Oh! noble souls! Oh, boys so brave and true!
By God's own messengers—the flowers—we send our love to you.
We weave your name in every wreath with hearts that throb and falter,
And lay them on your graves who laid your lives on freedoms's altar,
The grasses bloom above your beds, and with these blossoms blended,
To show our tender love, we twine the flowers our love hastended.

Sweet mignonette and heliotrope we mingle with the clover,
And pray each heavenward breeze that blows to waft the perfume over.
And roses red, and lilies white, and harebells heavenly blue,
The colors under which you fought—above your dust we strew;
And o'er your breasts we place the flag your valor true defended
Until the river bank you reached and life's campaign there ended."

As the faith of individuals is the small seed from which springs the mighty growth of popular conviction and sympathy, so the continual observance of decorating the graves of our fallen heroes will give increased popularity and influence to the principle for which they fought, viz: that this is a Union of States inseparable. And thus while we are paying homage to loyalty we are securing the perpetuity of the principles that inspire it. These loved ones whose graves we would decorate, do not all lie in northern soil where sympathy reaches out with generous hand in floral, and other decorative offerings for the Union soldiers' graves. Thousands lie beneath the cypress and the palm of southern states. Accompanying this Order is a circular letter, calling for aid to secure grave decorations, by Phil Kearney Post No. 10, of Richmond, Va. The valiant band composing this Post is undertaking to place a flag and flowers on 38-522 Union Soldier's graves, of which number 27,911 contain unknown soldiers.

Sisters, do not let this call go unheeded. A small contribution from each Corps in this Department will provide decoration for several hundred graves in this southland; and for aught you know, sister and mother, it may secure a flag and flowers for the unknown grave of your missing husband, brother or friend.

Send your contributions to D. R. Wilson, Commander G. A. R. Post No. 10, lock box 904, Richmond, Va.

Corps will please be active in gathering floral tributes, and otherwise cooperate with the Posts in preparing for, as well as in the final observing of, this day.

An eloquent "In Memoriam" address by our National Pres-

ident, is herewith published. It is worthy your most careful reading and thought.

By command of

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS. }

NORTON, KANSAS, July 21, 1893.

GENERAL Orders, }
 No. 4. }

I.—New Department rosters, recently published under the same cover with the G. A. R. and S. of V. rosters, are mailed with these Orders, one to each Corps.

II.—Reports from Corps for quarter ending June 30 last, show the Department to be in excellent condition. We were able to show in consolidated reports of Department Secretary and Treasurer, over seven thousand members in good standing, and a healthy state of finances.

Thirteen Corps have reported and been reinstated since said reports were made.

The promptness with which these reports were sent in is most commendable.

I wish to thank Corps officials for the marked improvement in preparation of their reports, and the greatly increased number of those who made their tax payable to the Department Treasurer. Some of our most prominent Corps are careless in this regard and made their tax payable to the Secretary. Let the improvement along this line continue until it embraces all Corps.

III.—Corps Secretaries and Treasurers should compare and make tally their figures showing members in good standing. A few discrepancies in this respect required the return of reports, and consequent delays and extra work. If these officials will place post office address of Corps upon their reports, much labor and time will be saved.

IV.—The placing in red ink by the Department Secretary on line 15 of Corps Secretary's report, the "number reported suspended on last report," has developed much carelessness heretofore in accounts of suspensions. For instance: in computing the number for line 15, in blanks for reports for last quarter, the Department Secretary deducted the number at line 17 from number at line 15, to this added the number at line 11 and from this

deducted the number at line 4 in the reports for the previous quarter. Now the injustice that many Corps work to themselves is the failure to note the dropped at No. 17, and the reinstatements at No. 4. Please give this matter careful attention.

V.—Corps must make reports and pay per capita tax for quarter in which they are organized. Those instituting new Corps should acquaint the membership with this fact at time of organization of Corps.

VI.—Red Books can now be procured of the Department Treasurer, Evalyn Bradford, Concordia, Kansas, upon requisition and remittance of sixty-five cents. Every Corps should have one.

VII.—We have a lot of Journals of the Tenth Annual National Convention on hand, a copy of which we will send to any member wanting one, on receipt of ten cents for postage.

VIII.—The President has secured a well located room at Hotel Denison, Indianapolis, Ind., for Kansas Headquarters during National Convention which convenes there September 4. Members of Kansas delegation are requested to report there as soon as possible after their arrival in the city.

a:—The Convention will hold its sessions in Roberts Park Church, corner Vermont and Delaware streets.

b:—Lodging, for at least thirty, has been secured at No. 81 East Vermont street, $2\frac{1}{2}$ blocks from Hotel Denison and less than one block from Roberts Park Church. Good meals can be had for twenty-five cents within short distance of place of lodging. All wishing to secure lodging at this place please send their names to the Department Secretary at once.

c:—Those having any arrangements to make at Indianapolis can receive cheerful and helpful assistance by writing either Mrs. Flora Wulschner, Chairman, or Mrs. Ella D. Zinn, Secretary Executive Committee, Indianapolis, Ind.

d:—Definite arrangements as to rates and route to Indianapolis have not yet been made, but at this time the assurance is that at least one fare rate, unlimited as to time of return, will be given. The lines of road, and exact time of starting, will be announced in circular letter as soon as made known to these

headquarters.

IX.—All delegates and alternates to the 11th National Convention will please write AT ONCE to Department Secretary, Lulu D. Jones, Norton, Kansas, whether or not they will attend the Convention. An immediate answer is necessary, as vacancies, if any, must be filled before the delegation leaves the state, and delegates must be supplied with credentials.

X.—Possession of National password is necessary to admittance to National Convention, and those expecting to attend MUST obtain same FROM THEIR OWN CORPS PRESIDENT, as none other can give it.

XI.—The Department President, Treasurer and Secretary will attend National Convention; on account of whose absence Headquarters will be closed to business from September 1, to October 1.

XII.—Mrs. Emma B. Alrich, Cawker City, Kansas, is hereby appointed Department Corresponding Secretary for the press. Corps Secretaries will please interest themselves in gathering and sending all items of news respecting the Corps to Mrs. Alrich, at least once a quarter.

XIII.—Aides on the President's staff will please make report of their work and doings, as such Aides, to Chief of Staff Corilla Bridegroom, Norton, Kansas. This has reference to work in your own Corps, entertainment of visiting members, organizing new Corps, reclaiming delinquent Corps, encouragement of weak Corps and all efforts made along this line. There is plenty of such work for Aides, which should be done and reported.

XIV.—Past Department Secretary, Alice M. Seeds, has mailed the printed proceedings of our last Department Convention to all Corps, and representatives in said Convention, as by it directed. Any Corps or person entitled to said Journal, not having received the same, will be supplied by notifying Headquarters of such oversight.

XV.—The pressure of individual business compelled Mrs. Ida C. Martin to resign as chairman of the committee on the Margaret R. Wickins room in the Home at Madison, Ohio. Mrs. Martin's resignation is accepted. She continues a member of

the committee. Mrs. Belle C. Harris, Emporia, Kansas, is hereby appointed chairman of said committee and will please assume the duties of the same at once. All correspondence relative to this room should be addressed to her.

XVI.—Ada and Della Dale, of the Samuel Dale family, Burr Oak, died May 7 and 8 respectively. The generous aid given them by the Department secured many comforts to brighten their last hours, and was fully appreciated. Minnie, with her father, now lives in Salina. She is in improved, but poor health.

By order of

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

NOSTON, KANSAS, Aug. 22, 1893.

CIRCULAR LETTER, }
 No. 1. }

Information is just received at Headquarters that two notable anniversary days in the life of our worthy, and esteemed National President, Margaret R. Wickins, occur during National Convention at Indianapolis, viz: the 25th anniversary of her wedding, and the 50th anniversary of her birth.

In view of this coincidence, the Order at Large is arranging to present to Mrs. Wickins, at National Convention, some testimonial of esteem and kind wishes, and of course Kansas will be pleased to contribute to this fund.

I most heartily approve of this step, believing that the position of Mrs. Wickins as a member of our Department entitles her to our kindest recognition.

All Corps are kindly requested to send to Department Treasurer Mrs. Evalyn Bradford, Concordia, Kansas, whatever they may feel able to give. Due report of its disbursement will be made. As Mrs. Bradford leaves her home Sept. 3 for "National," all remittances must be made so as to reach her on or before Sept. 2.

LUCY REED JONES,

LULU D. JONES,

Dep't President.

Dep't Secretary,

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS. }

NORTON, KANSAS, Aug. 23, 1893.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5. }

I.—Blanks for quarterly reports of Corps Secretaries and Treasurers are enclosed with these Orders. These officials will please observe what has been said heretofore respecting care in filling their reports, and especial reference is called to paragraphs III and IV of General Orders No. 4 as to their figures, showing members in good standing, tallying, and the number to be placed in red ink on line 15 of Corps Secretary's report. Justice to the Corps, as well as Headquarters force, demands this. These blanks are sent out thus early on account of intended absence of Department officers at National during September.

II.—On account of the frequency of bank failures, and consequent risk in transmitting money by bank exchange, Corps Treasurers are requested to make remittances of tax by "Post Office Money Orders," or "Express Orders." Corps refusing to heed this request must bear loss, if any, by using bank exchange.

III.—The conduct of the Corps' affairs on business principles, and a thorough acquaintance of the ritualistic work are necessary to a maintenance of interest in and healthy condition of the Corps. We suggest to Corps not making frequent initiations, to exemplify the ritual under the head of "Good of the Order."

IV.—The Order of Sons of Veterans has just claims upon the Woman's Relief Corps. Its growth and maintainance means the perpetuity of the spirit of patriotism which animated the Boys in BLUE of 1861 to 1865, and the training of a splendid lot of good material for emergencies which may arise. It is a veritable school of patriotism. Col. W. Y. Morgan, now commanding the Kansas Division of this Order, is a young man of high character, and is entitled to our hearty cooperation in his faithful efforts to enroll in his division every son of a soldier in Kansas. Sisters: if the Camp in your city and neighborhood is weak, give it your

aid and encouragement, and spare no effort to make it a strong Camp. If there is no Camp in your city or neighborhood, do not rest until a real live one is organized.

The Kansas Division Ladies' Aid Society, under the administration of Mrs. Belle La Bar Harbaugh, is doing a good work and is worthy of our kindest recognition.

V.—Headquarters will be closed from September 3d to 20th, instead of the entire month as indicated by paragraph XI in last General Orders. All Corps in need of supplies please note this fact and make your orders accordingly.

VI.—During National Convention, Kansas Headquarters will be at Hotel Denison, Room No. 53, where all delegates will report immediately upon their arrival in the city and secure credential cards and Kansas Delegate Badges from Lulu D. Jones, Department Secretary.

VII.—The Reception Committee in charge of these Headquarters will be Mrs. Corilla Bridegroom, Chief of Staff; Miss Allie Myers, Department Junior Vice President, Miss Lulu D. Jones, Department Secretary; Mrs. Evalyn Bradford, Department Treasurer; Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, Department Counselor; Mrs. Julia McCarthy, Department I. & I. Officer. Mrs. Julia Campbell, Department Inspector and Mrs. Maud Gerow. Department Aides attending the Encampment are requested to assist in receiving visitors.

VIII.—The official train will leave the Santa Fe depot, Topeka, September 2d, at 3:30 o'clock p. m.; all persons desiring to accompany Headquarters car are requested to meet this train at Topeka at this hour, or at Kansas City at 6 o'clock p. m. The rate will be \$19.65 for round trip from Topeka, tickets good for thirty days. The route will be via Chicago over the Santa Fe Route with permit to stop at Chicago and visit World's Fair on return trip. (For particulars and program in detail see Topeka Capital of 22d inst. page 4.) Parties can buy tickets in any town in Kansas through to Kansas City and from there over the Santa Fe thus connecting with official train. See that tickets take you over this route.

IX.—The annual inspection of Corps must be made

during the months of September, October and November. The Department Inspector, Mrs. Julia Campbell, Hutchinson, will, in due time, mail to the Corps the necessary blanks together with circular letter of instruction for guidance of assistant Inspectors and Corps officials. These instructions should be carefully studied and followed.

Our standing among the Departments of our Order is determined by these Corps inspections. Every member of the Sunflower Department should take a personal pride in its taking a position with the very best. When possible, this work should be done at regular meetings, but special meetings may be called for the purpose.

X.—The following Corps having reported no suspensions in second quarter 1893, and made their reports for same before July 6, constitute the roll of honor at present: Nos. 46, 217, 151, 12, 162, 33, 148, 58, 242, 106, 37, 165, 220, 207, 14, 124, 128, 131, 235, 181, 253, 27, 67, 99, 256, 234, 153, 150, 231, 143, 195, 10, 82, 57, 80, 88, 145, 5, 6, 1, 47, 54, 79, 102, 228, 130, 194, 184, 180, 2, 8, 16, 28, 71, 75, 83, 89, 98, 68, 255, 185, 169, 157, 60, 149.

If the above Corps continue this record through the third and fourth quarters, their representatives will wear the "ribbon of honor" at the next Department Convention.

XI.—Of the Corps now in good standing, seventy-three reported after July 6. Among this number are many of the leading Corps in the state. Forty-four of these reported in time to save suspension, but their negligence lost them the "honor ribbon." The other twenty-nine Corps delayed their reports until after their suspension, thus requiring reinstatement. 634 members have been reinstated since consolidated reports to National Secretary and Treasurer were made, thus making 7,484 members in good standing at this time.

Cash expended for relief during second quarter, \$781.28.

XII.—One of the matters of greatest concern to the Department is that of the great number of loss to the Corps by suspension. This loss for second quarter aggregates 286. Corps officials and members please give this matter your earnest con-

sideration and devise some means to prevent these suspensions. While the gain to the Corps by initiation and reinstatement were 809 in last quarter, by reason of this loss by suspension the net gain was only 625 members. It is a source of pleasure, however, to note that the reinstatements exceeds the loss by suspension, 64.

See to it, Sisters, that the number of gain continues to grow larger, while the number of loss beautifully diminishes.

XIII.—The following Corps remain suspended: Nos. 18, 30, 135, 188, 202, 214, 223, 225, 232. Department Aides living in the vicinity of any of these Corps will please look them up and secure their reinstatement.

XIV.—The following Corps were organized during quarter ending June 30, 1893: No. 134, Englewood, by Mrs. Anna Swan of Dodge City. (This sister, with her loyal husband, drove 52 miles across the country in their private conveyance, without charge for same, to organize this Corps.)

No. 81, Medicine Lodge, by Anna Baldwin, of Harper; No. 138, Oak Valley, by Belle Reid, of Grenola; No. 257, Aurora, by Dept. Treas. Evalyn Bradford, of Concordia; No. 187, Jewell, by Dept. Aide, Anna Chapman, Concordia.

By command of

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

NORTON, KANSAS, Oct. 13, 1893.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

I.—While General Orders No. 10, of Past National President, Margaret Ray Wickins, herewith promulgated, bear date of August 15th, 1893, they did not reach these Headquarters until September 1st, after they were closed for National Convention. They pertain wholly to National Convention matters, and although not received in time to be placed with the Corps as useful information, they belong to the Corps, and I herewith promulgate them.

II.—General Orders No. 1, of National President, Sarah C. Mink, are herewith promulgated.

I take pleasure in assuring the Department that in Sarah C. Mink, the Order has an executive who brings to the position all the qualifications of mind and heart requisite to a safe and efficient administration of the affairs of our Order at large.

I bespeak for her the hearty support of the Sunflower Department.

III.—Now as the season of hot weather, which tends to enervate, has given way to the exhilarating temperature of autumn, and the world's fair, which has more or less taken our time and attention, is nearing its close, let our Department take on new life and press its work and position to higher vantage ground.

IV.—We have entered upon the period during which our Corps inspections are required. The same mode of inspection that has been adhered to, the last two years, will be followed, viz: Corps will be inspected by their presidents, unless by action of the Corps some one from another Corps is selected, whose expenses shall be paid by the Corps inspected. Corps desiring to be inspected by Department Inspector Julia E. Campbell, Hutchinson, can obtain her valuable services by writing her, but they must bear her expenses. An inspection conducted by some sister conversant with work of our Order, will necessarily be very

helpful to the Corps. The ritual should be carefully exemplified, and all needed criticism and instruction should be given and received in the most fraternal spirit.

All books, papers, accounts, records and proceedings, pertaining to the Corps, must be inspected.

These Corps inspections should all be made and reported to Department Inspector before expiration of November.

V.—Corps No. 9, Lawrence, should have appeared in Paragraph X last General Orders. By an oversight it was omitted from this “honor roll.” Some Corps have written us that they have suspended no members in either 2d or 3d quarter, and claim place on “honor roll.” But examinations of their reports show that while this may be true, yet on line 15 of report for second quarter appears one or more suspensions as per last report, and no disposition of same made elsewhere, hence they continue to remain as suspensions. Please study the instructions on this matter given in paragraph IV General Orders No. 4.

VI.—Our Department representation in the National Convention at Indianapolis was very creditable indeed. The number attending evidenced a good interest in the work of our Order. Besides a great number of visitors, we had fifteen representatives entitled to seats and voice.

Margaret R. Wickins, presiding over the Convention as *our* National President, added new laurels to her already acquired reputation for executive ability.

VII.—The following Corps has been organized since last General Orders were issued, viz: No. 230 at Derby, organized by Department Aide Mrs. Helena Mason of Wichita.

VIII.—A circular letter, calling attention to the furnishing of the Margaret R. Wickins room in the W. R. C. home at Madison, Ohio, has been promulgated by Sister Belle C. Harris, with the approval of the Department President. Every Corps should take pride in having a part in so worthy an object. Let us make this room a monument to our appreciation and recognition of real worth.

IX.—My attention has been called to the case of Comrade Elias J. Hetrick, Stafford, Kansas, as being worthy our kindest

consideration. This case has passed the scrutiny of Department Commander Bernard Kelly, who has given his permission to the soliciting of funds toward relief from a mortgage debt. Comrade Hetrick is a victim to dreaded "scurvy," contracted, while a Union prisoner of war, in terrible Andersonville. It has eaten away the lower part of his face, laying bare his jaw and wind pipe. After scientific treatment, the disease is pronounced hopelessly incurable. He is drawing a miserable pittance of \$6.00 per month. His Post at Stafford, has expended a great deal of money in securing for him medical treatment at Kansas City, Mo.

His home is encumbered to secure payment of a \$700 debt. The effort is to pay this debt and save for him his home.

Corps and individuals, able to aid this afflicted soldier, can send contributions to Geo. W. Bousner, Aide-de-Camp on Dep't. Commander's Staff, Stafford, Kansas, Lock Box No. 40.

I will take pleasure in recommending to Department Council a contribution from our Department Relief Fund.

X.—Word is received by the President that our beloved Junior Vice, Sister Allie Myers, has been stricken with paralysis and is lying very low. I bespeak for her the sincere wishes of the Department membership for her speedy and complete recovery, and warm hearted sympathy for her aged mother in this affliction.

XI.—It is my painful duty to record the sad bereavement which has befallen Sister Margaret R. Wickins, Past National President of the W. R. C., in the death of her husband on September 20th, 1893. There is but one sentiment that can throb the heart of every sister of our Department, at mention of this occurrence, and that is our warmest, most heartfelt sympathy for Sister Wickins in this her darkest hour. May He who notes even the sparrow's fall, give the grace and strength needed to sustain so great a weight of sorrow. May the christian's hope be her comfort.

By command of

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

NORTON, KANSAS, NOV. 25, 1893.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 NO. 7. }

I.—Corps officials will bear in mind that the first meeting in December is the time for the nomination and election of Corps officers. Delegates and their alternates to the Tenth Annual Convention, of this Department, to be held at Newton, Kansas, in February next will be elected at the same time. The election may be concluded at a special meeting.

A dispensation from the Department President will be required to hold an election after the above named meeting.

It is the duty of the Corps Secretary to notify *each* member thereof in good standing of the coming election.

The Corps Treasurer should notify members in arrears for dues as to amount of same, calling attention to, approaching election, and that during such delinquency they cannot vote at such election, and are ineligible to any Corps office.

The Corps President must see that such duties are performed by the Secretary and Treasurer.

II.—The representation by Corps in Department Convention remains at the same ratio, viz: One delegate and one alternate for every 35 members in good standing September 30th preceeding, each Corps being entitled to one delegate and one alternate whatever its membership. Corps are entitled to representation by their Past Presidents, having served to the end of their terms, and all Sitting Presidents, in addition to delegates elected.

III.—Very great care and attention should be given to the selection of Corps officers. To be an efficient Corps President requires activity, enterprise, a study of ways and means to excite interest, and willingness to execute same, personal notices to members of Corps meetings, and urgent requests to attend same. Now all this means many self-sacrifices, but a sufficient compensation will be found, by the truly loyal sister, in a live

Corps.

Selections of Secretary by the President, and Treasurer by the Corps, are matters of importance to the welfare of the Corps.

Sisters: let care, wisdom and an eye single to prosperity of the Corps characterize selection of officers, and then see to it that they receive the cooperation they are entitled to from you. Do not let personal favoritism, prejudice, nor any such thing, enter into your election.

IV.—Installation of officers must take place at first regular meeting in January, or at a special meeting called for that purpose during said month.

The Installing officer shall be selected by the newly elected officers, which choice must be reported by the Corps Secretary to the Department Secretary when the requisite detail will be issued.

Installation may be public.

We very heartily recommend joint installations with the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, and Ladies' Aid Society. The mystic tie that binds these Orders together will thus be strengthened, and a new interest in their respective objects thereby awakened.

Expenses of installing officers must be borne by the Corps.

As a further guide in this matter of election and installation see Articles VI and VII, Chap. II, and Article II, Chap. III, of Rules and Regulations.

V.—Two Election Return blanks will be sent to each Corps in due time. The retiring Secretary must fill out these blanks and the retiring President must make the certificate to their correctness, endorsed on the back, and then deliver same to the Installing Officer. After the installation of officers the Installing Officer must forward form L of the election returns to Department Secretary Lulu D. Jones, Norton, and form U to Department Instituting and Installing Officer Mrs. Julia McCarthy, Larned. In view of the fact that the Department Roster for next year will be compiled from these election returns, it is necessary that great care should be given to name and address of the new officers, especially President and Secre-

tary, also time of meeting.

On the 8th inst., the Department Auditing Committee met at Manhattan and examined the files of the Department Treasurer and Secretary. They found the same to be correct and tallying with each other as required.

The affairs of the Department are in a healthy, prosperous condition. This speaks volumes for the interest and cooperative work in our Department in view of the existence of the World's Fair, which has had an influence to distract attention and interest from other affairs. Hundreds of our membership have attended this mammoth exhibition of National characteristics and respective accomplishments, thus being absent from home and Corps work for periods covering weeks and months. Perhaps the most formidable interference to our progress has been and is, the total failure of crops the last season, the influence of which will continue to be felt through the coming winter and spring. The loyal struggles made by many Corps for supremacy over these hard times challenges admiration.

VII.—The following Corps constitute the “Honor Roll” at end of third quarter, viz:

Nos. 1-2-3-5-8-9-12-14-28-33-37-46-47-60-70-71-75-79-80-82-83-98-99-102-106-124-128-143-148-151-153-157-162-169-181-185-194-217-228-234-242-253.

It will be seen that above list contains numbers 9 and 70, which were overlooked in pressure of work at time of preparation of Orders No. 5.

Several of the Corps that were on the “Honor Roll” at end of second quarter have been dropped by reason of having either suspended members in third quarter or failed to get quarterly reports to these Headquarters before Oct. 6. Many reports were received from Oct. 7th to 11th, and it does seem that a very small degree of additional pride and activity could have saved a place on this roll.

VIII.—The eleven Corps making greatest gain by initiation during last quarter, are as follows:

No. 94, Topcka, 9 members.

No. 111, Hutchinson, 9 “

No. 71, Newton,	6 members.
No. 98, Pittsburg,	6 "
No. 177, Argentine,	6 "
No. 76, Parsons,	5 "
No. 9, Lawrence,	4 "
No. 37, Burlingame,	4 "
No. 64, Garnett,	4 "
No. 134, Englewood,	4 "
No. 140, WaKeeney,	4 "

IX.—The following are the ten Corps making greatest cash expenditure for relief in the last quarter:

No. 70, Emporia,	\$39 78
No. 94, Topeka,	39 25
No. 90, Chanute,	24 14
No. 7, ElDorado,	23 00
No. 111, Hutchinson,	22 89
No. 4, Paola,	20 35
No. 133, Eureka,	17 10
No. 113, North Lawrence,	15 50
No. 84, Cherryvale,	14 40
No. 99, Peabody,	12 08

X.—During the period when tax and quarterly reports were being transmitted to these Headquarters an accident occurred on one of the main lines of railroad in this state, in which the mail car and all its contents were burned. It may be that reports and tax from some Corps were thus destroyed. Any Corps not having received receipt for tax known to have been mailed can have the matter straightened up by writing Department Secretary at once. In such case a duplicate money order or draft can be obtained and the Corps will receive credit of being in time.

XI.—The National password, in cipher, has been mailed to each Corps President.

XII.—Dear Sisters: No more suitable occasion exists for us to evidence our worthiness to the name we bear than that of Thanksgiving Day. Let us make this coming Thanksgiving Day joyous by liberally dispensing our warmth and abundance

on homes of want and sorrow.

To give
Is to live;
To deny
Is to die.

Among the innumerable blessings we enjoy, we should be truly grateful for a government which secures to its women the greatest privileges and highest degree of happiness vouchsafed by any other on earth. Let us as women honor such a government by giving in return for these blessings the highest type of society. Endeavor by some acts of kindness to brighten the hearts and homes of the veterans whose valor and sacrifices made possible our present happy circumstances.

XIII.—Corps No. 170, at Fort Scott, with 49 members, was organized Nov. 8th, by Barbara Pond.

By order of

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

Merry Christmas.

GLAD TIDINGS

OF

GREAT JOY,

~ ~ GOOD WILL ~ ~

TO  ALL  PEOPLE.

I extend to you, dear sisters, the greetings of the approaching Christmas tide.

“Good Will to All” means to love everybody and try to help everybody.

There is no wealth, but life. Life, embracing all its powers of love, of joy, and the widest helpful influence.

The flower shines not for itself at all,
Its joy is the joy it freely diffuses;
Of beauty and value it is prodigal,
And it lives in the light it freely loses,

How much our lives would tell for happiness to others if they were filled with the sentiment of these lines.

Out of the benevolence God has bestowed, let us remember the inmates of the Orphans’ and Soldiers’ homes within our borders. It was my glad privilege recently to visit the Orphans’ Home at Atchison so admirably superintended by Comrade C. E. Faulkner. He informed me that good books and novelties in

the way of innocent, entertaining games would be most acceptable.

Remember the veterans whose services and sacrifices make this trysting time possible.

He is dead whose hand is not open wide
To help the need of a human brother;
He doubles the length of his life long ride,
Who of his fortune gives to another,
And a thousand million lives are his
Who carries the world in his sympathies.

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
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 DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS. }

NORTON, KANSAS, Dec. 11, 1893.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 8. }

I.—General Orders No. 3, of National President, containing decisions of last National Convention, are herewith promulgated. They should be carefully studied.

II.—Instead of receiving two forms of Election Return Blanks as contemplated in paragraph V of General Orders No. 7, we have received but one form, viz: "L." To save expense and time required in returning half the forms "L" in exchange for form "U," I send herewith two blanks of form "L." Please fill these blanks as per instructions found in said paragraph of General Orders No. 7, sending one report to Department I. & I. Officer Julia McCarthy, Larned, and one to Department Secretary Lulu D. Jones, Norton.

III.—Quarterly report blanks for quarter ending December 31, 1893, are herewith enclosed. Corps Presidents should see that these blanks are correctly filled out by the Secretary and Treasurer at the last meeting of the Corps in December, and then immediately mailed (enclosing the per capita tax, payable to Evalyn Bradford, Concordia), to Lulu D. Jones, Norton.

I am pleased to note a marked improvement in the matter of preparing reports, and remitting tax. And yet there is entirely too much nonconformance to our Rules and Regulations in these respects, and this too on part of some of the oldest and best informed Corps.

IV.—The Tenth Annual Convention of this Department will be held in Newton on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of February, 1894, during which the Department Headquarters will be at the Santa Fe Depot Hotel, where rates of \$2.00 per day have been arranged for.

A rate of one fare for the round trip to the Convention will be given from all railroad points in Kansas.

V.—A typographical omission appears in paragraph II of General Orders No. 7, which gives the representation of Corps

as one delegate and one alternate for every 35 members. It should have stated *further and one for the final fraction over half of that number.*

VI.—For two years past a copy of the Journals of National Conventions has been sent direct to each Corps in the United States, and to each representative in National Convention, at expense of the National Treasury. But the National President, in her commendable desire to replenish our depleted National Treasury, is asking that she be allowed to send, in bulk, to Department Headquarters, the Department's quota of these Journals at expense of the National Treasury, to be distributed therefrom at the expense of the Department.

To save expenses to the Department I will have these Journals sent to Newton, to be there given out, in case they are published in time.

Corps not represented at Convention, and National representatives not there present will receive the Journal through the mail.

VII.—Aides on Department President's staff will please make a report of their work, and the condition of Corps in their respective jurisdictions, to the Department Chief of Staff, Corilla Bridegroom, Norton, so she may be able to prepare her report for Convention. See paragraph VII General Orders No. II regarding your work and duties.

VIII.—In cheerful compliance with Decision No. 50, found in General Orders No. 3, of National President, I hereby instruct each Corps President in this Department to appoint a committee from her Corps membership to petition the superintendents of, and teachers in the schools to recommend and bring into use a patriotic salute to the American flag, as a part of the morning exercises of the public schools.

IX.—I find great delight in announcing that a marked improvement in the health of our beloved Junior Vice President, Miss Allie Myers, gives promise of a complete recovery from her long, serious sickness.

X.—A circular letter issued by the Directors of the National Woman's Relief Corps Home Board, relative to a pressing

need for help in caring for Army Nurses, and for provisions for inmates of said Home, is mailed herewith. Let the same noble spirit that indicted this letter, prompt a hearty response to the call therein.

By order of

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.



NEW YEARS GREETING.

The corridors of Time
Are full of doors--the portals of closed years;
We enter them no more, though bitter tears
Beat hard against them, and we hear the chime
Of lost dreams, dirge-like, in behind them ring
At Memory's opening.

But one door stands ajar--
The New Year's: while a golden chain of days,
Holds it half shut. The eager foot delays
That presses to its threshold's mighty bar;
And fears that shrink, and hopes that shout aloud,
Around it wait and crowd.

Half the charm of the new year lies in its uncertainties. Wisely and kindly does our Father shield our eyes from even a glimpse of it.

Though the wish for a happy New Year may appear to be trite, yet I assure you, dear sisters: it expresses the greetings I bear for you and our beloved Order in my heart.

The name of our Order should inspire its members to lives of helpfulness. It is easy for us to say we love our Order, and to make promises of more effective support. Let the new leaf of the New Year show this love in words and deeds bearing an hundred fold. The New Year will bring only the harvest we have sown. If we plant promises only we will reap disappointment.

You, who receive into your lives sunshine and happiness, remember that into the lives of others will come shadows, clouds and rain; and see to it that as the diamond refracts and multiplies the light of the sun ray, so shall you by sharing your brightness with the life that is perishing for warmth and color, multiply the cheer of your good fortune.

What shall I wish thee, then? God knoweth well,
If I could have my way, no shade of woe
Should ever dim thy sunshine; but I know
Strong courage is not learnt in happy sleep,
Nor patience sweet by eyes that never weep.

Ah! would my wishes were of more avail
To keep from thee the many jars of life,
Still let me wish thee courage for the strife,
The happiness that comes of work well done,
And afterwards the peace of victory won.

Attest:

LULU D. JONES,

Department Secretary.

By command of

LUCY REED JONES,

Department President.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS. }

NORTON, KANSAS, Jan. 29, 1894.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 9. }

I.—General Orders No. 4 of the National President are herewith promulgated. Your careful study of the same is requested.

II.—The Tenth Annual Convention of this Department will be held at the M. E. church, North Main St., Newton, Kansas, on Feb. 20, 21 and 22 next. The opening session will commence promptly at 9 o'clock a. m. of the 20th.

III.—Headquarters will be established at the Arcade Hotel where the President will be pleased to see all sisters attending the Convention. The Auditing Committee will meet in Room 15 in this Hotel on Monday, Feb. 19, at 9 o'clock a. m. All members should be present.

IV.—The Department Council will meet in above named room on the same day at 4 o'clock p. m.

V.—An informal reception will be held by the Woman's Relief Corps in the parlors of the hotel on Monday evening, Feb. 19th. All Comrades, Sons of Veterans, members of the Ladies' Aid Society, and friends to our Order are very cordially invited.

VI.—All representatives in the Department Convention must have their credentials from their respective Corps. Blanks for same are herewith enclosed. Corps Presidents will please see that they are properly filled out and given to those entitled to them.

Representatives to Department Convention will please place their credentials in the hands of the Department Secretary, who is ex-officio Chairman of the Credential Committee, immediately upon their arrival at Newton. Prompt compliance with this request will expedite the work of this committee.

VII.—The Reception Committee will be at the corner of Fifth and Main Streets where those in attendance will be assigned to places for rooms and boarding. Hotel charges are from

\$1 to \$2 per day for board and lodging; rooms and beds 25 to 50 cents; meals 25 to 50 cents.

VIII.—The Department Treasurer will close her books and accounts on Feb. 10th preparatory to making her report for Annual Convention.

In order to receive prompt attention and credit, all bills against the Department must be presented, all accounts due must be remitted, and all supplies wanted must be ordered before that date. Orders for supplies together with the money accompanying same will be held *intact* and turned over to the incoming administration. Not being able to fill said orders of course the administration will not be entitled to the credit for the money so long as the orders are unfilled, hence the above indicated action.

IX.—Corps Presidents are requested to forward *at once*, to the Department Secretary, the names and dates of all members of their respective Corps who have died during the year of this administration.

X.—By an oversight Corps No. 110 at McPherson was omitted from the list of Corps expending the most cash for relief during the third quarter of 1893. They made the generous expenditure of \$27.07.

XI.—This Department has responded to call of National President for aid in establishing a National Relief Fund, with remittance of \$15.00.

XII.—We are glad to note that the Corps throughout the Department are responding so liberally to the call from the "Woman's Relief Corps Home Board." In this work we are exemplifying the object of our Order.

XIII.—The "Roll of Honor" for the fourth quarter of 1893 is as follows: Corps Nos. 2, 8, 9, 12, 14, 60, 70, 75, 79, 83, 99, 102, 106, 124, 128, 143, 148, 151, 153, 157, 169, 185, 194, 217, 228, 234, 253.

XIV.—Corps not yet having sent in Election Returns, will please do so at once. Tardiness in this respect embarasses the

preparation of the Roster for 1894.

XV.—We hereby acknowledge the most courteous treatment, and many helpful favors received from Hon. Bernard Kelly, Commander Kansas Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, and his efficient Adjutant, Hon. A. B. Campbell. Their Knightly recognition of the Woman's Relief Corps evidences that our Order has a warm place in their affections. They have been true to all obligations growing out of our relation as auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. We have thanked them in person for these favors and hereby in behalf of the Department extend to them heartfelt thanks and appreciations for the same.

XVI.—Now, as the exciting period of Election and Installation of Corps Officers is past it is hoped that the Department will settle down to determined efforts to make this the most prosperous year the Department has known. However faithful and efficient may be your Corps officers they will require the active cooperation of all members of the Corps. As the choice of the Corps they are entitled to this and no sister, loyal to our Order, will withhold such support.

XVII.—While the past year has been prosperous and harmonious, we recognize that much of it is due to the effective, co-operative work of individual members in the Corps. The President has been the universal recipient of kindness, and loyal support for which she extends her thanks. And in behalf of Department Treasurer, and Secretary thanks are hereby returned for courteous, helpful treatment so cheerfully given them by Corps. In this farewell Order I wish for the Sunflower Department continuous growth, prosperity and harmony. May we always entertain a due appreciation for the privileges of doing the good which our beloved Order affords.

In the sad bereavement which has fallen upon the household of our worthy Department Treasurer, our hearts go out to her in deepest sympathy. On the 24th day of December 1893 the light of her home was shadowed by the death of her husband A. J. Bradford. It was our privilege to enjoy the hospitality of

this home, and we know of the sacred bond of love and affection which existed between husband and wife, father and children.

Sister Bradford is left with four children, three of whom are under the age of ten years. By her efficiency and loyalty to duty in discharge of her onerous work as Department Treasurer, Sister Bradford has won the love and respect of the sisters of the Department who will join with me in the prayer that sustaining grace, strength and comfort may be given her and her children in this darkest of hours.

Attest:

By command of

LULU D. JONES,

LUCY REED JONES,

Department Secretary.

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